




TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
FROM Frances Lachowicz 
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SUBJ One Full-Time Housekeeper Working in Skilled Nursing Care
Tested Positive for COVID-19

When participating in our current all-staff testing program on Thursday, March 30, a full-time housekeeper had a negative result for COVID-19. At home on Friday, however, this employee began to experience symptoms associated with the virus and asked a healthcare provider to complete another test which yielded a positive outcome for COVID-19.

This person, who works in our skilled nursing care and rehab community, will recuperate at home and only return to work in accordance with CDC standards. Please respect this individual's privacy.

Our current practices make it possible to enjoy life

While daily life continues for all residents and staff members, we urge everyone to employ basic practices to mitigate the spread of the virus. Experience tells us it makes a difference to

- Frequently wash your hands
- Always wear a mask in our common areas and elsewhere in crowds
- When possible, observe social distancing
- Postpone a visit and stay home if you are not feeling well

Until there are two consecutive weeks with no new cases of the virus here, Mercy Circle will conduct twice-a-week testing for assisted living, rehab and skilled nursing care residents and for all staff members. With this precaution, we encourage residents to enjoy meals in their dining room, participate in activities and attend Mass.

We ask residents and employees, who may have symptoms or who have been exposed to someone with the virus, to ask the receptionist to schedule a test.

As we look forward to anticipating and celebrating the Easter season, Mercy Circle welcomes guests who review the *Visitor Guidelines* on our website and register at the reception desk when they arrive.

Please call me at 773-253-3627 if you have any questions or suggestions.