



To Our Addolorata Villa Residents and Family Members:

Thank you for your continued support of the Addolorata Villa and the associates who are working so diligently with the COVID-19 infection prevention strategies. Throughout this crisis, we have kept you informed, as quickly as possible, with every confirmed COVID-19 case that has been diagnosed.

Today there have been 2 skilled nursing residents (from the first floor) that have tested positive for COVID-19. We would like to take this opportunity to update you and discuss the new and continued measures that are being implemented.

### **Current Confirmed Case:**

On 4/25/2020 a skilled nursing resident (resident #1) was exhibiting an elevated temperature and was placed in isolation. The roommate of Resident #1 was also placed in isolation as a precaution (resident #2). On 4/26/2020 resident #2 developed an elevated temperature. Both remained in isolation on 4/26/20. On 4/27/2020 resident #1 had a COVID-19 test and was awaiting the pending results. Today, 4/28/2020, both residents began to exhibit oxygen desaturations that were abnormal. Both residents were transferred via ambulance to two different hospitals. Both hospitals completed COVID-19 testing, via the rapid testing method, and reported positive results for each resident. Both residents were admitted and remain in the hospital.

**Important to note: Both were long-term care residents. One resident had resided at Addolorata Villa since 2017 and the other resident since 2013. Currently, the Medical Director does not believe all residents should be tested. Therefore, staff continues to use full PPE precautions for all residents on the 1st floor. These cases are isolated to the skilled nursing center and do not involve any other part of the campus.**

### **Containment Procedures:**

Residents continue to be monitored closely for the earliest signs or symptoms of COVID-19. **If any signs or symptoms develop, a resident is immediately isolated.** Associates continue to be screened daily when they report for work; if any screening element is noted to be abnormal, the associate is sent home.

### **Precautionary Measures:**

**Our Infection Preventionist, along with our Head of Clinical and Infectious Disease Control are widening the visitor screening procedures, adding additional screening items to the list of current symptoms that we have been screening for.** The skilled nursing unit has limited access to only staff assigned to that unit with no visitors allowed. Addolorata Villa continues to restrict visitors and monitors those associates and residents, following CDC -regulated standards for infection control and to prevent any spread of the virus. The staff continues to maintain proper PPE recommendations and protocol, as defined by the local and state health departments and the CDC.

Due to the guidelines we have in place for social distancing and prevention of the spread of the virus, it is important to note that these cases are considered isolated to the skilled nursing unit.

We understand that this is a time of anxiety and unknowns for the safety of you or loved ones. 100% of our efforts are geared towards the safety of your loved ones. Should you have any questions, please visit our Addolorata Village Facebook page or the Franciscan Ministry **COVID-19 Web Page - [www.franciscanministries.org/coronavirus-response/](http://www.franciscanministries.org/coronavirus-response/)** for daily updates and information. For additional information, please visit the CDC's coronavirus disease information page.

The safety of our residents and associates continues to be our most important concern.

Sincerely,

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