

To Our Addolorata Villa Residents and Family Members:

Thank you to all of you for the words of encouragement and support during this most difficult time. Thankfully, there are no new resident cases of COVID-19 to report. However, late yesterday evening we learned of three associates that they tested positive for the virus. We ask for your continued prayers for those residents and associates that are currently battling the virus.

Some updates. Although we have repeatedly reached out in every conceivable way to IDPH, Cook County Health Department, the Governor's office, etc., for the widespread testing of residents and associates, it has fallen on deaf ears. So, while we did have a large supply of test kits delivered last week, we have been unable to use those kits (IDPH required that only their personnel could collect the specimens and the kits were essentially their property). What I was able to accomplish today was a release and waiver from IDPH for us to use the kits and begin the testing of residents. Dr. Leo Kanev, our Medical Director, spent a good part of his day at the community today doing the specimen collection for us. We are so thankful for his gift of time, concern for residents & staff and for him stepping in so graciously in a time of need.

While we continue to plan to test all residents, our plan has been modified from the plan we developed when we thought we would have IDPH support. Today, all the residents in Assisted Living and Ancora (Memory Support) were tested. Additionally, we tested all the staff on duty who were working those two areas. We will continue to test as we have available clinicians who are trained in the specimen collection process.

### **Confirmed Cases to Report Today:**

#### **Associate Case #1:**

This associate, an LPN last worked in Chapel View (Sheltered Care) on 5/08/2020 and went to get tested for COVID-19 on that date. The results yielded a positive result, which was reported on 5/11/2020.

#### **Associate Case #2:**

This associate, a housekeeper assigned to the skilled nursing area, last worked on 5/06/2020. On 5/07/2020 they started exhibiting symptoms for the virus. On 5/10/2020 they were tested for COVID-19. The results yielded a positive result, which was reported on 5/11/2020.

#### **Associate Case #3:**

This associate, part of the management team, last worked on 5/08/2020 and began exhibiting symptoms on that date. On 5/11/2020 they were tested for COVID-19, which yielded a positive result on the same date.

**Important to note: All of our prior reported prevention and containment procedures remain in place. Both floors of the skilled nursing are full PPE at this time (masks, face shields, gowns, gloves), so we essentially are treating all residents as if they are positive. At this time, the most important action we can take is to monitor everyone and treat for symptoms.**

### **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.

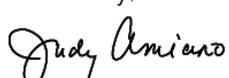
### **Precautionary Measures:**

**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.

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 Villa 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,



Judy Amiano,  
President and CEO

