



To Our Addolorata Villa Residents and Family Members:

First, I want to THANK all the family members who have sent such thoughtful words of encouragement during this unbelievably difficult time. How all of our lives have changed in such a short period of time. Your supportive and positive messages have meant a lot to the staff members that are working under challenging circumstances to care for your loved ones.

It has been an incredibly trying last 6 weeks and particularly so the last two weeks at Addolorata Villa. Our ministry of providing loving and compassionate care has been tested by this virus. As you are all aware, we have had several positive cases of COVID-19 recently. As reported yesterday, **ALL** of the infection prevention measures mentioned in my memo remain in place, so I will not repeat all of that. Today, we have one additional resident case to report and two associate cases to report. This brings the total number of positive resident cases to seven. All of the positive cases have some relationship to the 1st floor skilled nursing unit, where we believe the virus was contained.

While we continue to await test kits and IDPH assistance with universal testing, it is important that you know that a significant number of associates and residents from the 1st floor skilled nursing have been tested over the past several days. At this point, we still have two test results that are pending, as there is some variability in the length of time it takes to receive testing results.

Confirmed Cases Today:

First Case: This resident was admitted to 1st floor skilled nursing on 3/17/20. On 4/22/2020, the resident was discharged from skilled nursing and moved to a private assisted living apartment. This resident started exhibiting loss of appetite and shortness of breath on 4/29/20 and was quarantined immediately and also tested for Covid-19 at that time. A positive result for the virus was returned on 5/02/2020. This resident is currently admitted to Glenbrook Hospital, where they remain.

Second Case: A staff nurse called their manager today informing us they tested positive for the virus. This nurse also works at another facility that has positive cases. This nurse worked on the 1st floor skilled nursing unit with our 1st confirmed case prior to that resident becoming symptomatic (4/20/20 – 4/22/20). This nurse last worked on 4/26/20. The associate began symptoms of fever and weakness on 4/29/20 and began self-quarantining at home. The associate was tested on 5/1/20 and reported the positive results today.

Third Case: This Care Partner also works on the 1st floor skilled nursing unit and was last in the building on 4/26/20. This associate developed symptoms of fever, chills and headache on 4/27/20, saw their physician and was diagnosed with a URI and given antibiotics. A COVID test was performed on 4/30/20 and positive results were obtained today.

Important to note: We continue to have FULL PPE for all staff in the first floor skilled nursing area, meaning masks, face shields, gowns and gloves for all staff on the unit.

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. Again, all residents on the 1st floor skilled nursing are under full isolation precautions. 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.

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/** 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

