



## To Our Addolorata Villa Residents and Family Members:

Now, more than ever, we ask for your continued support and prayers as we continue to navigate the impact of Covid-19 at Addolorata Villa. Even with all of our herculean efforts to prevent the spread of the virus, we continue to be challenged with the ferocity of this virus. It is humbling to witness such acts of heroism by all the associates at Addolorata Villa who are working so hard to combat the virus.

As anticipated, today we received test results on 156 of the 249 Covid-19 screening tests conducted last week. Unfortunately, we have a large number of positive results to report. However difficult, this part of the process is, it was critical for us to identify all of the people who are positive that are asymptomatic (without symptoms) and are carriers of the virus. This information is essential in the containment plan for the residents.

Today we received 35 positive test results for residents. This brings the total count of residents (since the beginning of the outbreak in late April) who are positive for the virus to 49. We have a total of 223 residents who live on campus. Of the residents who have tested positive, there are 22 residents who are asymptomatic (no symptoms), 21 residents who are symptomatic but receiving care and services in either skilled nursing or Aspen on campus, one resident is currently at the hospital being treated for the virus and 5 residents have passed away. Every life is precious and we mourn the loss of those residents. Each of the five residents who have passed all had significant other illnesses/on hospice/or other comorbid conditions which attributed to their passing.

Of the confirmed cases today, all positive residents were in the skilled nursing unit with the exception of two residents who tested positive in Aspen. In consultation with IDPH, Cook County Health Department and our Medical Director, all concur that the current containment procedures in place are appropriate. As we receive more screening results tomorrow, we may alter the containment strategy depending on where the virus may be present in the remainder of the tests. As mentioned in prior emails, associates continue to have full PPE (masks, goggles, face shields, gowns and gloves) in all of healthcare and Aspen units. On other units, staff is using the appropriate PPE for identified isolation.

Please know that staff is only calling resident family members if your loved one tests positive. We are not calling if your loved one tested negative.

The widespread screening also identified eight additional associates who tested positive for the virus, bringing the total number of affected associates to 32. With so many staff members in varying stages of quarantine based on their individual circumstances, we are concerned about our staffing levels. The associates are working so hard and under very difficult circumstances. We are thankful for all of their sacrifices as they care for your loved ones. We are currently supplementing our associates with staff from an agency during this time. Additionally, our therapy provider is also generously providing staff assistance while they are furloughed from other positions due to other businesses being closed during the crisis.

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We ask for your continued prayers for those residents and associates that are currently battling the virus.

**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. Additionally, we continue to test any staff member who has not already been tested.

**Precautionary Measures:**

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 your loved ones. 100% of our efforts are dedicated 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

