



To Our Addolorata Villa Residents and Family Members:

Today we received the remainder of the test results from the widespread testing done last week for the skilled nursing, Aspen (intermediate nursing), assisted living and Chapel View (sheltered care) and the associates that worked those various units. All of the remaining results were negative with the exception of 1 resident and 1 staff member.

Confirmed Cases to Report Today:

One resident was from Aspen (Intermediate Care) who is symptomatic and remains at Addolorata Villa receiving care and services.

The associate who tested positive is from the healthcare center. This associate is now off the work schedule.

I have received many questions about the process for how we determine when residents are taken out of isolation or when someone is deemed "cured". In consultation with our Medical Director, the Cook County Department of Health and IDPH, the following guidelines will be used post widespread screening:

- It is NOT recommended to retest all the residents; individuals can test positive for a period of time, but it does not mean they are still infectious. Individuals who have been previously infected may shed non-viable (dead) virus for a period of time, resulting in a positive test, but they are NOT infecting others. Therefore the following rules will apply:
 - If a resident tested positive but were asymptomatic (no symptoms), they are considered cleared 18 days after the date of the test.
 - If a resident was symptomatic, they are considered cleared 18 days after the onset of symptoms if they are without fever or hypoxia (lack of oxygen). It is ok if they still have a slight cough, they are considered cleared.
 - These guidelines are more rigid than the IDPH and CDC guidelines of 14 days. However, we have seen where some residents are exhibiting symptoms on day 15 or 16 of quarantine, so for extra caution, we are making our "cure date" a full 18 days after the onset of symptoms or date of test result.
- However, we do plan on periodic testing for the associates. What that plan looks like is still in the process of being developed.
- Of course, should anyone exhibit symptoms, we will test immediately.

As a reminder, we tested all the independent living residents yesterday (5/20/20) and it will likely take 2-3 days to get those results back. Due to the contact tracing that was completed on the positive independent living case yesterday, we believe the resident may have been exposed to the virus by their outside caregivers. At this time, we have no other residents or any staff members in independent living who are exhibiting any symptoms of infection.

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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. Additionally, ALL of the infection prevention measures mentioned in previous memos remains in place.

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/ 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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