

To Our St. Joseph Village Residents and Family Members:

Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph Village 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 any confirmed COVID-19 case that has been diagnosed. Recently, the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") enacted a mandate for widespread testing of COVID-19 in nursing homes throughout the state. St. Joseph Village underwent this widespread testing earlier this week, testing 158 individuals (both residents and staff members). **Some very good news!** This widespread testing yielded only **one** positive result for COVID-19. Today, 5/29/2020, one resident has tested positive for COVID-19 as a result of the widespread testing.

### **Confirmed Resident Case:**

This resident was admitted on 1/19/2020 to the Assisted Living Unit for long term care. They were originally tested for COVID-19 on 05/09/2020 which yielded a negative test result. On 5/15/2020 the resident began exhibiting symptoms and was again tested producing a second negative result. They were then retested on 05/27/2020 during the facility's scheduled widespread testing that was conducted with IDPH and this time the testing yielded a positive result for the virus. It is important to note that despite the previously negative test results the resident was kept on isolation as a precautionary measure beyond the normal period of time. That means that staff who was in direct contact with the resident was in full PPE and that no other resident was in direct contact with this resident.

### **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 – you will notice this on the new screening that is done when you arrive for work each shift.**

St. Joseph Village 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 St. Joseph 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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President and CEO

