



To Mount Alverna Village Residents and Family Members:

Thanks for your continued patience as we navigate these uncharted waters with COVID. As reported last week, we are doing widespread testing of associates and residents of Mount Alverna Village. We have confirmed that ALL THREE positive results of residents reported last week (2 Ancora Memory Support and 1 Assisted Living resident) were FALSE positives – meaning they did not have COVID. For that we are thankful and we are hopeful the method of testing improves over time. Late last week the Governor halted the saliva type of testing being done in Assisted Living Communities, due to high error rates with false positives.

Last week we performed 203 screening tests of associates who work in the nursing home as part of **The Ohio Department of Health widespread testing that skilled nursing facilities are required to perform on all of their associates every other week.** With this widespread testing, we received two positive results for the virus. Given our recent experience with the false positives, we have not yet retested these asymptomatic staff members, but will take the highest form of precaution and require them to quarantine at home until safe to return to work.

### **Confirmed Associate Case One:**

This associate, a Plant Ops Technician, was tested for COVID-19 on 8/24/2020. On 8/29/2020 the test yielded a positive result for the virus. This associate is asymptomatic and remains in isolation at home for the next ten days. Per the CDC guidelines, the associate can return to work in 10 days if she/he is free of symptoms.

### **Confirmed Associate Case Two:**

This associate, a Plant Ops Technician, was tested for COVID-19 on 8/24/2020. On 8/29/2020 the test yielded a positive result for the virus. This associate is asymptomatic and remains in isolation at home for the next ten days. Per the CDC guidelines, the associate can return to work in 10 days if she/he is free of symptoms.

### **Containment Procedures:**

Residents will 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. **We have no additional residents or associates who are exhibiting any signs of infection at this time.** As a reminder, all associates wear a mask while they are working to minimize any potential spread of the virus.

### **Precautionary Measures:**

Mount Alverna Village continues to restrict visitors and monitors 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 Mount Alverna 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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