

To Our Franciscan Village Residents and Family Members:

As we look to the future to maintain the utmost safety of our residents, family members and associates, I continue to be thankful to all of you for your words of support and encouragement throughout this entire period. They are very much appreciated by the Franciscan Village associates and residents. Today, 9/18/2020, we have one associate in our Mother Theresa Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center who has tested positive for the virus. As per our previous protocols, we will continue to do widespread testing at specific intervals as we move forward to aide in the identification/mitigation and containment of any virus.

Confirmed Associate Case:

This associate, a RN in our Mother Theresa Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, was tested for COVID-19 on 9/18/2020 via their personal physician. On 9/18/2020, the test yielded a positive result for the virus. This associate last worked on 9/13/2020 and is in quarantine at home. 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:

At this time, we will continue with a restriction on family visitation in the Healthcare Center only. We will continue to monitor the suggested guidelines of Cook County and notify you as soon as this restriction can be lifted. Please note this restriction ONLY applies to the Mother Theresa Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Once this restriction is lifted, you will receive further communication of the COVID-19 status of the community. Additionally, the staff continues to maintain proper PPE recommendations and protocol, as defined by the local and state health departments and the CDC. We will also continue to test all associates and residents for the COVID-19 virus on an ongoing basis.

Franciscan Village continues to monitor 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 geared towards the safety of your loved ones. Should you have any questions, please visit our Franciscan Village 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

