To Our Addolorata Villa Residents and Family Members:

Although we had some good news to share this past Friday, regarding our COVID-19 positivity rate, we have had a positive case reported today. As part of a recent widespread testing of 58 staff members, we received one positive result for the virus with an associate. Additionally a private-duty caregiver has tested positive with 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 non-direct care staff member, was included in the widespread testing on 9/17/2020 which yielded a positive result for the virus. The associate’s last day of work was 9/16/2020. This associate remains asymptomatic, in isolation at home and, based on City of Chicago guidelines, can return to work 14 days post testing.

**Confirmed Private Caregiver Case:**
This private-duty caregiver, serving multiple independent living residents, was tested via their personal physician on 9/15/2020 yielding a positive result for the virus on 9/21/2020. This caregiver followed standard PPE protocol but as a precautionary measure we are conducting contact tracing (completed today) and targeted testing of those who were potentially exposed and will carefully monitor the situation.

**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. **We have no additional residents or associates who are exhibiting any signs of infection at this time. Additionally, we will continue to test healthcare staff for COVID-19 weekly.**

**Precautionary Measures:**
Addolorata Villa 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 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,

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