



To Our Franciscan Village Residents and Family Members:

As you know, we are continuing with weekly widespread testing of COVID-19. This past week, a total of 210 tests were conducted in the Healthcare center, including 64 residents and 146 staff members. We have received the screening results and have learned that three new residents and three new associates have tested positive for the virus.

Please be assured that we continue to “terminally” clean and disinfect the entire unit with an electrostatic spraying system that eradicates the virus. As per our previous protocols we will continue to do widespread testing, on a routine basis, on all staff and residents in the healthcare center as we move forward to aide in the identification/mitigation and containment of any virus. We are scheduled to complete another round of 100% testing of all healthcare residents and staff members next week. With the new positive cases, and out of an abundance of caution, we are continuing to suspend new admissions to the Healthcare Center.

Confirmed Resident Cases:

Three residents in our Mother Theresa Skilled Nursing tested positive for the virus and remain in isolation. Separately from three residents that were tested via the widespread testing, we had two additional Independent Living residents, who live in a garden home, that were tested via their PCP which yielded a positive result for the virus. They remain at their home in quarantine.

Confirmed Associate Cases:

Two associates were direct care workers in our Mother Theresa Skilled Nursing and were tested for COVID-19 on 10/12/2020 which yielded a positive result for the virus. These associates last worked on 10/12/2020 and 10/13/2020 respectively remain in quarantine and can return to work in 10 days if they are free of symptoms. A third associate, from an outside therapy partner, was symptomatic and was tested on 10/14/2020 via their PCP, which yielded a positive result for the virus. This associate last worked on 10/08/2020 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 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. As a reminder, all associates wear a mask while they are working to minimize any potential spread of the virus.

Precautionary Measures:

As we continue to monitor the current situation at the Mother Theresa Home, skilled nursing will continue to restrict any outside visitors in the Healthcare Center only and will reevaluate our current restrictions on admissions. 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,

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President and CEO

