

To Our Franciscan Village Residents and Family Members:

As you know, we are continuing with weekly widespread testing of COVID-19 and our focus remains unyielding and we continue to take precautionary measures to ensure the highest level of safety and health for our residents and associates. This past week, a total of 389 tests were conducted, including 110 residents and 279 staff members. We have received the screening results and have learned that one new resident and nine new associates have tested positive for the virus.

Confirmed Resident Case:

On 10/22/2020 we received all results back from the widespread testing which was conducted on 10/16 - 22/2020. One resident, in our Mother Theresa Skilled Nursing, has tested positive for the virus and remains in isolation.

Confirmed Associate Cases:

Three of the direct care associates tested for COVID-19 yielded a positive result for the virus. These associates last worked on 10/09/2020, 10/19/20 and 10/20/2020 respectively, remain in quarantine and can return to work in 10 days if they are free of symptoms. One of these associates works in Assisted Living the remaining two work in Mother Theresa Home. Further, six non-direct care associates were tested for COVID-19 which yielded a positive result for the virus. These associates are in quarantine at home and, per the CDC guidelines, can return to work in 10 days if they are free of symptoms.

Containment Procedures:

Since one of the associates who tested positive works in Assisted Living, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) requires us to regress to Phase One safeguards in Assisted Living. These include the suspension of indoor visitation, communal dining, Salon Services and Life Enrichment activities. Outdoor visitation is still allowed, weather permitting. These precautions will continue for at least 14 days, pending further testing. These safeguards remain in effect in Mother Theresa Home. 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. As a reminder, all associates wear a mask while working to minimize any virus's potential spread.

Precautionary Measures:

As we continue to monitor the current situation, we will continue to restrict any outside visitors in the Healthcare Center but we have lifted the restrictions on admissions. 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

