



To Our St. Joseph Village Residents and Family Members:

We continue to be extremely grateful for the Ministry's overall low COVID positivity rate. Our focus continues to be 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, we conducted a total of 107 widespread COVID screening tests. We have received the screening results and today, 10/21/2020, we have learned that one associate has tested positive for the virus. Since we have this one positive, it should be noted that we will begin weekly widespread testing for all staff and residents as we move forward to aide in the identification/mitigation and containment of any virus.

### **Confirmed Associate Case:**

This associate, a dining associate, was included in the widespread testing conducted on 10/19/2020 which yielded a positive result for the virus. This associate remains in isolation 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. As a reminder, all associates wear a mask while they are working to minimize any potential spread of the virus.

### **Precautionary Measures:**

As a result of this one positive test, we are being advised by the health department that we must suspend group activities and dining for a period of at least 28 days. While this is unfortunate, we must follow the guidelines recommended by the health department. St. Joseph 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 loved ones. 100% of our efforts are geared towards the safety of your loved ones. Should you have any questions, please visit our St. Joseph 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,

  
Judy Amiano  
President and CEO

