



Chicago Methodist Senior Services

October 29, 2020

Dear CMSS Staff,

This past week we conducted COVID-19 testing for all staff and residents at Hartwell Place. As of this morning, we were informed that a non-direct care staff member working at Hartwell Place has tested positive. At this time, all residents have tested negative for COVID-19.

This staff member was last in the building on Wednesday, October 28 and is now at home self-isolating. They will not return to work until they are cleared by their physician.

We have informed anyone who had direct contact with this individual and will be closely monitoring staff and residents for signs and symptoms. We will also be testing anyone who was in close contact with this individual today and tomorrow and will resume weekly testing for all staff and residents starting next Monday until further notice.

In addition, in alignment with the recommended mitigation efforts from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Chicago's phase regression that will be starting in the region on Friday, October 30th, **we will be postponing indoor visits until further notice at all CMSS communities**. We will continue to coordinate outdoor visits as the weather allows and encourage family and friends to schedule virtual visits.

A huge thank you to everyone for all of your commitment and hard work. We continue to work in coordination with IDPH, alongside Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), and will continue to follow all of our rigorous safety and infection-control protocols that are in place to help in preventing any spread of the virus to our residents and employees.

Stay safe and be well,

Jay Evans