



Montgomery Place

FROM 
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SUBJ MONTGOMERY PLACE MANDATES MATTER
DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19

Dear Friends and Family,

I must say that having a few days of R&R was refreshing. Today, as I'm back to catching up on emails and notes, I share that daily life is returning to Montgomery Place! The lobby is back to its busy self with residents sitting in the café, gardens and milling about. It is so wonderful to see smiling eyes!

About 10 days ago, I shared with you that we received notice of mandatory testing for those living and working in long-term care facilities, originally issued by Governor Pritzker on May 28. At that time, we didn't have answers about how it applied to all the residents and staff at Montgomery Place. Over the course of the last week, details are becoming clearer. A few details still need to be worked through but we can share how this mandate will impact us.

- **Residents:** Testing will be offered. You get a choice, but it is HIGHLY recommended as a base-line. We are preparing a form for you to complete should you choose not to test.
- **Staff:** Testing is a MUST. All staff members who are onsite at Montgomery Place will be required to get a COVID-19 test. It will be a condition of employment.

Because we have been free of COVID-19 for more than 28 days, we can establish a policy that only requires periodic testing as we move forward. This policy applies to staff and residents alike. As long as we have no cases of the virus among the staff and residents, Montgomery Place is not required to test for 120 days. Once a case is identified, testing will be conducted every two weeks until we have a period of 30 consecutive days free of COVID-19.

If you are the POA for healthcare for a loved one at Montgomery Place, you can send me a note indicating your choice on testing. If you are a resident and do not want to be tested, we will give you a form to complete on the testing day. Testing schedules are being developed and we will announce them later this week.

This mandate is a good thing, as I look at how other countries have contained this virus with frequent mandatory testing. While it may seem we are a bit late in the

process, please understand there still are nursing centers throughout the country struggling with active cases and deaths each day. We are blessed that our community has been free of COVID-19 for so long. Our continued, shared goal is to keep it that way.

Please feel free to call me on my mobile phone, 773-617-1317, at any time.

Adhering to mandates, keeps us safe.