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Dear Mercy Place Keon Park staff, residents and families

**COVID-19 Testing for residents and staff – scheduled for 2pm Thursday 30 July 2020**

As you would be aware we have been working with the Department of Health (Commonwealth) since we were notified that a staff member tested positive for coronavirus two days ago. While the risk was regarded as very low and at this stage we have not been required to implement outbreak procedures, we have nevertheless been implementing a range of enhanced surveillance measures to remain vigilant in protecting our home.

I am pleased to say that this afternoon, we have been advised that the department that they will be providing testing for all residents and staff tomorrow at 2pm this Thursday as a further follow-up precaution.

Sonic Pathology, who conduct priority testing for the government, has confirmed that they will be coming to our home to undertake testing from 2pm this Thursday 30 July.

A coronavirus test involves a relatively quick and simple swab of the throat and the nasal cavity, but can cause some brief discomfort. If you or your loved one are concerned about the test, please let us know as soon as possible. Please also be assured it is standard procedure to test everyone at a home where there has been a positive case.

You will be aware that testing is one of the best ways to trace the spread of the virus in our community and I know many of you will feel reassured that our home will have access to this additional safety measure.

As always, we encourage you to get in touch if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards,

**Christopher Blackman**

Service Manager  
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