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### **Fort Scott Presbyterian Village earns zero-deficiency rating for assisted living focused infection control survey**

FORT SCOTT, Kan. — Fort Scott Presbyterian Village earned a zero-deficiency survey for a focused infection control survey conducted by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) in June.

Senior living communities are surveyed annually by their licensing agency for compliance of regulations established by KDADS. These regulations are designed to ensure a standard of care is met. By meeting this standard, senior living communities are able to renew their licenses and continue to provide care.

The Kansas Legislature and Gov. Laura Kelly directed KDADS to complete focused infection control surveys for all adult care homes in Kansas by September 30, 2020. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) directed states to perform focused infection control surveys in all skilled nursing facilities by July 31, 2020.

“Every day I see our mission to provide quality senior services guided by Christian values unfold as our employees go above and beyond in the care they provide,” said Ginger Nance, executive director. “At this time, we have had no residents or employees test positive for COVID-19. Our employee screening processes and infection control practices are working to keep COVID-19 out of our campus.”

The focused infection control surveys hone in on an adult care home’s adherence Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for infection control practices to prevent disease at the community. Communities are assessed on staff and resident education on hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, cleaning, screening of employees and residents, effective transmission-based precautions, proper use/discarding of personal protective equipment and signage at entrances and resident rooms. It also examines the facility’s policies and emergency preparedness related to a pandemic or outbreak.

“This recognition is tangible proof of our commitment to providing quality senior care and services based on Christian values. This survey recognizes the hard work this team has put in throughout the COVID-19 crisis,” Nance said. “We will continue to be vigilant as we work with the Bourbon County Health Department on our reopening plan.”

Fort Scott Presbyterian Village is an assisted living community, which means it is licensed by KDADS. Residents have their own private apartments, one or two bedrooms complete with all appliances, and may receive some assistance with activities of daily living.

“Although the restrictions on visitors has been difficult, we have been offering many ways for residents and their family members and friends to stay connected,” Nance said, citing drive-through parades, outdoor fishing and walking paths, and exercise classes offered throughout the pandemic.

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Fort Scott Presbyterian Village, a Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America community, has been offering independent and assisted living apartments for seniors from southeast Kansas and southwest Missouri since 1994. Learn more at [FortScottPresbyterianVillage.org](http://FortScottPresbyterianVillage.org). Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with 16 locations and 2 hospices in Kansas and Missouri. Learn more at [PMMA.org](http://PMMA.org).