

News Release

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Presbyterian Manor employee tests positive for COVID-19

FARMINGTON, Mo. – Farmington Presbyterian Manor announces that one essential health care worker has tested positive for the virus.

“We continue to closely watch the COVID-19 pandemic as cases rise in our area and around the nation,” said Jane Hull, executive director.

On Monday, November 16, we tested 100 residents and 106 staff members. On Wednesday, November 18, we tested staff a second time. This essential health care employee was the only positive case among residents and staff. Our next testing date is Monday, November 23.

The essential health care employee last worked Tuesday, November 17. The individual screened in and wore personal protective equipment while working.

The St. Francois Health Department has been notified and we will continue with mass testing. The next scheduled testing date is Monday, November 23.

Surveillance testing requires all employees, agency caregivers, volunteers, hospice, lab and therapy providers at our campus to be tested on a frequency determined by our county’s COVID-19 testing positivity rate. Based on our county positivity rate for COVID-19 tests, our campus has been testing employees twice a week.

We will follow CDC guidelines for when an employee may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic employees or contractors may return to work when at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and the employee’s symptoms have improved and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Asymptomatic positive employees or contractors will quarantine for 14 days. Upon their return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

Farmington Presbyterian Manor continues to screen all employees as they enter the community building for a shift and before they have any direct contact with residents. In addition, staff members are wearing masks per CDC recommendations.

For more information about Farmington Presbyterian Manor’s response, go to PMMA’s (Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America’s) website, [Presbyterianmanors.org/Media- room](https://www.presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room).

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