

Resident, employees at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor test positive for COVID-19

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Two health care residents, one assisted living resident and three non-direct resident care employees have tested positive for COVID-19 at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor.

“We continue to be vigilant in our efforts to protect the health and safety of our residents and employees,” said Jeanne Gerstenkorn, PMMA’s infection preventionist and vice president for health and wellness.

This week, 73 employee tests and 37 resident tests were administered on Monday, November 23. The results of Monday’s tests identified three new positive cases -- 2 health care residents, 1 assisted living resident, and 3 non-direct care employees tested positive for the virus. One test is still pending. We will notify you if the test is positive when the results are received. At this time, none of the new positive cases are showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. On Tuesday, November 24, 72 employee and 2 therapy providers were tested with rapid point-of-care tests, and all results were negative.

The Douglas County Health Department has been notified. We will follow their recommendations. We will test residents and employees again early next week. Surveillance testing will continue as required.

The COVID positive resident will recover in isolation and be cared for by designated staff. We will follow CDC and KDHE guidelines for when the residents may come out of isolation. Under the current guidelines, asymptomatic positive residents will quarantine for 14 days. Designated staff members are following doctor’s orders for treatment protocols and following CDC infection prevention protocols.

The employees who tested positive will remain in isolation until cleared to work by the health department. We follow CDC and KDHE guidelines for when an employee may return to work. Under the current guidelines, asymptomatic positive employees will quarantine for 14 days. Upon the employee’s return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

Lawrence Presbyterian Manor will follow any additional guidance from the Douglas County Health Department, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment epidemiology hotline and the CDC.

All employees are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and best practices as these are continually updated. The community regularly reinforces with all staff that an employee should not report to work if he or she is experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness or not feeling well.

For more information about Lawrence 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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