

News Release

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Aberdeen Village employees, residents test positive for COVID-19

OLATHE, Kan. – Three essential health care workers, a non-direct care employee and four assisted living residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus at Aberdeen Village.

The results come from the community's latest round of testing, which took place on Monday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 9, as well as one symptomatic resident who tested positive via rapid point-of-care (POC) testing.

The essential health care workers and the non-direct care employee last worked on December 8 and December 10. They screened in before their shifts and wore personal protective equipment while working.

We have notified the Johnson County Health Department and will continue mass testing next week. Due to the county's positivity rate, we are testing all employees twice each week until that rate changes.

The COVID positive residents 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, symptomatic residents may leave isolation when at least 72 hours have passed since resolution of the resident's fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and the resident's symptoms have improved and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Asymptomatic positive residents will quarantine for at least 10 days. Designated staff members are following doctor's orders for treatment protocols and following CDC infection prevention protocols.

We will follow CDC and KDHE guidelines for when employees may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic employees may return to work when at least 72 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 will quarantine for at least 10 days. Upon their return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

All employees are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and best practices as these are continually updated. We have been screening individuals as they enter the community building for a shift and before individuals have any direct contact with residents. We educate all staff to stay at home if they are experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness or not feeling well.

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

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