

## News Release

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### **Manor of the Plains reports two COVID-19 positive employees**

DODGE CITY, Ks. – Ongoing COVID-19 testing at Manor of the Plains identified two new cases of the virus this week.

Both of the new cases are essential health care workers. The first employee last worked on Thursday, November 25. The employee called in Sunday, December 6, to report feeling unwell and was directed to come to the campus for a drive-through test. The result was positive. The employee was instructed to go home and quarantine.

The second employee last worked Sunday, December 6. The employee passed pre-shift screening and wore personal protective equipment as required. The employee is quarantining at home.

No additional cases were detected among residents and employees in testing Monday, December 7, or Wednesday, December 9.

We have notified the Ford County Health Department and will continue with ongoing twice weekly surveillance testing and weekly resident testing. Our next scheduled testing date is Monday, December 14.

We follow CDC and KDHE guidelines in determining when an employee may return to work. Under the current CDC and KDHE guidelines, the employee may return to work when at least 72 hours have passed since resolution of the employee's 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. Upon the employee's return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

Asymptomatic employees must quarantine for at least 10 days.

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

For more information about Manor of the Plains' 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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