

News Release

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Farmington Presbyterian Manor resident, employees test positive for COVID-19

FARMINGTON, Mo. – A health care resident and three essential health care employees at Farmington Presbyterian Manor have tested positive for COVID-19.

“We remain committed to resident and employee safety at this time,” said Jane Hull, executive director.

Two of the employees reported signs and symptoms and were rapid point-of-care tested at the campus on December 18. The third employee tested positive as part of ongoing surveillance testing at our community.

The first employee last worked Wednesday, December 16. The second employee last worked Sunday, December 13. The third employee last worked Sunday, December 20.

We have notified the St. Francois County Health Department and will conduct contact tracing. We will conduct testing again next week. Due to the reduction in the county positivity rate, we will test weekly beginning next week.

The COVID positive resident will recover in isolation and be cared for by designated staff. We will follow CDC guidelines for when the resident may come out of isolation. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic residents may leave isolation when at least 24 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 guidelines for when the employees may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic employees 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 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 Farmington Presbyterian Manor’s response, go to PMMA’s (Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America’s) website, Presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room.