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

FARMINGTON, Mo. – Two health care residents and four essential health care employees at Farmington Presbyterian Manor have tested positive for COVID-19.

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

The four employees were rapid point-of-care tested at the campus.

They last worked December 20, 24, 26 and 27, wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while working, and screening in prior to their shifts.

We have notified the St. Francois County Health Department and will conduct contact tracing. We will conduct testing again next week.

The COVID positive residents 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](https://www.Presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room).

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