

## News Release

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### **Manor of the Plains reports contractor, employees test positive for COVID-19**

DODGE CITY, Ks. –Manor of the Plains identified three new cases of COVID-19 during surveillance testing at the campus last week.

Through two rounds of testing December 28 and 30, one essential health care worker, one non-direct resident care employee and one contract service provider tested positive for the virus. All resident tests were negative for COVID-19.

The essential health care employee last worked December 29 and the non-direct resident care employee last worked December 30 prior to their test results being received. Both passed pre-shift screening and wore personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.

The contract service provider last worked December 29 after receiving a negative rapid point-of-care test. The contractor passed pre-shift screening and wore PPE as required. A rapid point-of-care test administered December 30 was positive.

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, January 4.

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.

As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, it should play an instrumental role in eventually moving toward resuming our normal operations. Every person who receives the vaccine will strengthen the protection for all residents, staff and the community at-large. PMMA strongly encourages our families, employees and residents to carefully consider obtaining a vaccine for themselves as well as their loved ones. Assisted living and health care residents and clinical employees are set to begin receiving the vaccine Monday, December 28.

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).