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Aberdeen Village residents, employees test positive for COVID-19

OLATHE, Kan. – Three health care residents, an essential health care worker, a contract health care worker and two non-direct care employees tested positive for COVID-19 during the first round of bi-weekly testing last week at Aberdeen Village.

“We remain vigilant amid the ongoing pandemic,” said Tim Allin, executive director.

The employees last worked on December 27 and January 4, screening in prior to their shifts and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while working. The contract health care worker last worked on January 5, also screening in and wearing PPE.

We have notified the Johnson County Health Department and will continue our mass testing this week. Based on the health department’s direction, we are testing all employees twice per week.

Our second round of testing late last week revealed no additional positives.

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 resident 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 the employees and contractor may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic employees or contractors 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://www.presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room).

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