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Emporia Presbyterian Manor resident passes away

EMPORIA, Kan. – A health care resident of Emporia Presbyterian Manor who previously tested positive for COVID-19 has passed away.

It is never easy to say goodbye to a beloved resident. It's even more difficult during this awful pandemic. The entire Emporia Presbyterian Manor family is in mourning at this time.

While we strive for transparency in what we do, we are bound by federal guidelines under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which protects the privacy rights of our residents even into death. Our medical director follows all established federal laws in notifying families of any change in the medical condition of their loved ones.

At this time, Emporia Presbyterian Manor continues its focus on ensuring the well-being of our residents and employees. We will continue to monitor residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 on each shift, and care for those residents who are positive in the COVID-19 isolation area.

The COVID-19 vaccine should play an instrumental role in eventually resuming our normal operations. We anticipate CMS will loosen restrictions on visitation once vaccination coverage is at a high enough level to protect residents and staff. 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 getting a COVID-19 vaccination for themselves, as well as their loved ones.

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

For more information about Emporia 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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