

## News Release

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### **Manor of the Plains reports employee tests positive for COVID-19**

DODGE CITY, Ks. – After having no new cases at the campus since the end of December, Manor of the Plains identified one new case of COVID-19 during surveillance testing Monday, April 5.

One non-direct resident care employee tested positive in surveillance testing Monday, April 5. The employee last worked April 6. When the results were received, the employee was immediately notified and sent home to quarantine. The employee passed pre-shift screening and wore personal protective equipment as required.

We have notified the Ford County Health Department and will continue with ongoing weekly surveillance testing and weekly resident testing. The next testing date will be Monday, April 12. Indoor visitation has been suspended in assisted living and the health care center until two rounds of testing is completed with no new cases of COVID-19.

The community follows 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.

PMMA strongly encourages our families, employees and residents to carefully consider obtaining a vaccine for themselves as well as their loved ones. Every person who receives the vaccine will strengthen the protection for all residents, staff and the community at-large.

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).