



## News Release

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### **Topeka Presbyterian Manor resident, employees test positive for COVID-19**

TOPEKA, Kan. – An assisted living resident and three essential health care workers at Topeka Presbyterian Manor have tested positive for COVID-19. The employees last worked on June 16, 17 and 21, screening in prior to their shifts and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while at work.

We have notified the Shawnee County Health Department and will continue to follow their guidance. All employees, as well as all assisted living and health care residents were tested on June 21. Another round of testing is slated for June 28.

The COVID positive resident 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 may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic employees 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.

PMMA strongly encourages our families, employees and residents to carefully consider getting a COVID-19 vaccination 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.

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 Topeka 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).