

Lawrence Presbyterian Manor contractor tests positive for COVID-19

LAWRENCE, Kan. – A non-direct resident care contractor at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor tested positive for COVID-19 July 17.

“Resident and employee safety continues to be our highest concern,” said Christie Patrick, executive director.

The contractor last worked on July 16. The individual screened in prior to their last shift and wore personal protective equipment (PPE) while working.

We have notified the Douglas County Health Department. As a result of this positive case, the Douglas County Health Department has suspended indoor and outdoor visitation in our assisted living, memory care and health care center pending the results of COVID-19 testing next week. All residents and staff, regardless of vaccination status, who are identified as having a possible exposure to the contractor will be tested for the virus. Any unvaccinated staff members or residents who were exposed must quarantine for 14 days.

We will follow CDC and KDHE guidelines for when an employee or contractor may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic individuals may return to work when at least 72 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and the individual’s symptoms have improved and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Asymptomatic positive employees and contractors will quarantine for at least 10 days. Upon their return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

Every person who receives the vaccine will strengthen the protection for all residents, staff and the community at-large. PMMA continues to strongly encourage our families, employees and residents to carefully consider getting a COVID-19 vaccination for themselves, as well as their loved ones.

Families are encouraged to schedule window and virtual visits with their loved ones. Please contact our life enrichment or social services team to schedule your next window or virtual visit.

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 Lawrence 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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