



News Release

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Emporia Presbyterian Manor resident tests positive for COVID-19

TOPEKA, Kan. – A health care resident at Emporia Presbyterian Manor has tested positive for COVID-19.

We have notified the Flint Hills Community Health Department and will follow their guidance. At this time, per their recommendation, we will test all employees and health care residents again next week. Additionally, visitation and communal dining for health care are suspended at this time. Window visits may continue. Visitation and communal dining will continue for assisted living and independent living.

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.

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 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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