

## **News Release**

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## Farmington Presbyterian Manor employees test positive for COVID-19

FARMINGTON, Mo. – Two non-direct care employees at Farmington Presbyterian Manor have tested positive for COVID-19. The employees last worked on August 13, screening in prior to their shifts and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while working.

"Resident and employee safety continues to be our highest priority," said Jane Hull, executive director.

We have notified the St. Francois County Health Department and follow their guidance. At this time, visitation and communal dining and activities are paused. We will test all staff and residents today, August 16.

We will follow CDC guidelines for when the employees may return to work. Under the current guidelines, symptomatic employees may return to work when at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications <u>and</u> the employee's symptoms have improved <u>and</u> 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.

All employees are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and best practices as these are continually updated. We have been screening individuals as they enter the community building for a shift and before individuals have any direct contact with residents. We educate all staff to stay at home if they are experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness or not feeling well.

For more information about Farmington Presbyterian Manor's response, go to PMMA's (Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America's) website, Presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room.