

## News Release

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### Fort Scott Presbyterian Village resident tests positive for COVID-19

FORT SCOTT, Kan. – An assisted living resident at Fort Scott Presbyterian Village has tested positive for COVID-19 via rapid point-of-care (POC) testing. We have determined the resident's exposure was off-campus.

"Employee and resident safety remains our highest priority at this time," said Ginger Nance, executive director.

We have notified the Bourbon County Health Department and will follow their guidance. We will test all residents and staff members twice per week until all tests are negative for a period of two weeks. Indoor visitation remains suspended at this time. Additionally, patio visits are suspended until the current outbreak has been cleared. Communal dining and other communal activities are suspended as well. Smaller communal activities may occur, depending on the activity. Glass vestibule visits, window visits, phone visits and FaceTime visits can continue. We encourage all residents to remain on campus unless medically necessary. Transportation is paused at this time other than medically necessary appointments.

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 encourage all staff members and residents to follow CDC guidelines and best practices as these are continually updated. We have been screening employees as they enter the community building for a shift and before employees 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.

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 obtaining a vaccine for themselves as well as their loved ones.

For more information about Fort Scott Presbyterian Manor's response, go to PMMA's (Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America's) website, [Presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room](https://Presbyterianmanors.org/Media-room).

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