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Fort Scott Presbyterian Village residents, employees positive for COVID-19

FORT SCOTT, Kan. – Seven residents and three employees at Fort Scott Presbyterian Village have tested positive for COVID-19 since December 31. The employee last worked on dates ranging from December 31 through January 5, screening in prior to their shifts and wearing personal protective equipment while at work.

“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. Visitation continues with infection control precautions and social distancing requirements per new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. At this time, communal activities have been suspended until next week.

The resident will isolate in their residence until they meet the PMMA Emergent Infectious Disease (EID) policy, CDC and KDHE guidelines for ending isolation.

We will follow the PMMA Emergent Infectious Disease (EID) policy, CDC and KDHE guidelines for when the employee may return to work. Upon their return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

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.

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