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Manor of the Plains earns zero-deficiency ratings for health care, assisted living focused infection control surveys

DODGE CITY, Kan. — Manor of the Plains earned a zero-deficiency survey for two focused infection control surveys conducted by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) in June.

A zero-deficiency survey means Manor of the Plains met all the standards for infection control in both assisted living and health care.

"Every day, our employees go above and beyond in the care they provide," said John Van Hook, executive director. "Receiving zero deficiency surveys for both assisted living and health care is a tremendous accomplishment."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has directed states to complete surveys of all skilled nursing facilities by July 31, 2020. The Kansas Legislature directed KDADS to complete focused infection control surveys for all adult care homes in Kansas by September 30, 2020.

The focused infection control surveys hone in on an adult care home's adherence to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and CMS guidance for infection control practices to prevent disease at the community. Communities are assessed on staff and resident education on hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, cleaning, screening of employees and residents, effective transmission-based precautions, proper use/discarding of personal protective equipment and signage at entrances and resident rooms. It also examines the facility's policies and emergency preparedness related to a pandemic or outbreak.

Senior living communities are surveyed annually by their licensing agency for compliance of regulations established by KDADS and the CMS. KDADS licenses adult care homes and CMS licenses skilled nursing facilities. These regulations are designed to ensure a standard of care is

met. By meeting this standard, senior living communities are able to renew their licenses and continue to provide care.

Manor of the Plains is a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), or life plan community, offering independent living, assisted living, long-term health care and short-term rehabilitation.

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Manor of the Plains has served Ford County since 1990 with independent and assisted living, long-term care, and short-term rehabilitation. Learn more at ManorofthePlains.org. Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with 16 locations and 2 hospices in Kansas and Missouri. Learn more at PresbyterianManors.org.