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Emporia Presbyterian Manor scores perfect on focused infection control survey

EMPORIA, Kan. — Emporia Presbyterian Manor got a perfect score on a focused infection control survey of its assisted living neighborhood July 15. The survey was conducted by its licensing agency, the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).

With zero deficiencies, Emporia Presbyterian Manor's assisted living met all the standards for infection control.

In June, the Kansas Legislature instructed KDADS to survey all adult care homes and other adult services licensed by the state within 90 days to ensure adult care homes and home plus agencies were prepared to respond to the threat of disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

"I am so proud of the Emporia Presbyterian Manor team," said Susan Siepelmeier, executive director. "Getting zero deficiencies on a survey is very difficult, and these results are proof of our employees' hard work."

The purpose of a focused infection control survey is to examine the facility's policies and emergency preparedness related to a pandemic or outbreak and a facility's adherence to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and KDADS guidance for infection control practices to prevent diseases.

During the survey, 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.

KDADS surveys adult care homes and home plus agencies every 12 to 18 months for compliance of regulations established by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). The regulations are designed to ensure a standard of care is met. By meeting these standards, senior living communities are able to renew their licenses and continue to provide care.

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

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Emporia Presbyterian Manor has served Lyon County since 1986 with independent and assisted living, nursing home care, Alzheimer's care and short-term rehabilitation. Learn more at EmporiaPresbyterianManor.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.