

Media Release

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Arkansas City Presbyterian Manor employees test positive for COVID-19

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. – Two essential health care workers at Arkansas City Presbyterian Manor tested positive for COVID-19 this week.

The first direct resident care employee last worked February 26, and the second employee last worked March 1. Both passed pre-shift screenings and wore personal protective equipment as required.

The Cowley County Health Department has been notified and their guidance will be followed for testing, quarantine and visitation. Visitation continues with screening and precautions. Residents will be monitored for signs and symptoms and tested for COVID-19 as needed. Surveillance testing will continue for staff in accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance.

We will follow the PMMA® Emergent Infectious Disease Policy and CDC and KDHE guidelines for when the employees may return to work. Upon their return to work, we will follow CDC recommendations related to work practices and restrictions.

PMMA continues to strongly encourage all staff, residents and their families to receive the vaccine. Every person who receives the vaccine will strengthen the protection for all residents, staff and the community atlarge.

All team members and residents are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and best practices as these are continually updated. The community regularly reinforces with all staff that an individual should not report to work if he or she is experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness or not feeling well.

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