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Vista Woods reports one more staff positive case of COVID-19 that occurred yesterday. That employee reported the illness and was tested outside of the building to help prevent further spread of the virus. All staff are required to screen in before and after work and continue to get tested twice per week. Residents also will continue to be tested twice weekly.

The facility works closely with Wapello County Health who tracks all cases and gives us certain guidance and keeps us updated with community trends. Almost all cases are of the Delta Variant and amongst the younger to middle age population but continues to pose a risk of spreading it the elderly. This also has a strong effect on our workforce.

Visitation will continue to be restricted to outside and compassionate visits for residents who have a change in condition. We must do another baseline testing before we resume group activities and communal dining again. Guidelines from CMS and the CDC are being followed which change periodically. There are currently 29 outbreaks in long-term care facilities in Iowa according to the Iowa Department of Public Health's website. We want to avoid being on this list. According to the CDC website, Wapello County is in the red with a 21.54% positivity rate.

As always, thank you for your patience and support throughout this on-going pandemic. It has been difficult times for us all. Please stay safe.