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The facility continues to be transparent with its COVID-19 status to our residents, families, and the community. Today we identified one more positive resident, during routine surveillance testing, making a total of five active cases in the facility and one resident in the hospital. The first case was related to a hospital readmission. All residents that test positive are moved to an isolation area. Two employees and two contract workers are also off work with COVID-19. Three more employees are restricted from working because they have either signs or symptoms of a respiratory illness and tested negative or have been exposed to someone with COVID.

We have had multiple mitigations in place to help prevent the spread of the virus. As you are aware, it is highly contagious, and we fight something that we can not see. Our staff, and contract staff, are required to be screened in prior to working and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment. Any staff showing signs or symptoms are required to self-isolate until cleared to return to work. Both staff and residents are tested twice per week. The facility continues to report active cases to the Iowa and local Public Health Agencies as well as State and Federal agencies, following their recommendations and guidelines.

Almost all our residents and many of our staff have received the second dose of the COVID vaccination with a third clinic being held in two weeks. We continue to have various restrictions on visitation, group dining and activities. These restrictions tend to change pending the current situation of the facility and county.

We continue to appreciate the support and prayers from the residents, their families, and the community.