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The facility continues to be transparent with its COVID-19 status to our residents, families, and the community. Today we remain at a total of five active cases in the facility and one resident in the hospital. Those residents remain in an isolation area. During routine testing of employees last night, we detected one more positive part-time employee. Today, another part-time employee tested positive. Those employees do not work in the same department and have not worked for several days. That makes four employees and two contract workers off work with COVID-19. Various other staff are required to be off of work with signs, symptoms or with an exposure to someone in the community.

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.