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Vista Woods has not had any positive COVID-19 cases for the past few months among residents. Today we are reporting one positive COVID-19 staff member discovered during routine weekly surveillance testing. Two residents who previously had the virus are being quarantined to their rooms with chronic respiratory symptoms. That employee did not provide direct care to the residents and has been wearing her protective equipment while at work and will remain off work until cleared by Public Health officials. All residents are being assessed two times daily.

During the past few months, we have had three different health inspections regarding our infection control practices. The facility has been found to be into compliance with all of those inspections. We continue to screen staff prior to and after their work shifts and continue to test staff weekly. They are required to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment inside the building and are being tested weekly.

We understand how serious this virus is when exposed and strive to stop from entering our facility ever again. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the other facilities and institutions going through an outbreak. The news casts showing exhausted and crying healthcare staff working through an epidemic is real. We are especially concerned today because of the rapidly rising numbers of positive cases locally. Schools and colleges have recently opened causing greater concern of spreading the virus.

Visitors continue to be restricted due to these concerns. You are greatly missed and understand it is frustrating. Our nurses will continue to communicate with you directly upon any condition change of a resident.

Ron Stursma, Adm.