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Media Release

Vista Woods Care Center is excited to announce that its COVID-19 outbreak status has been lifted by the local and State Departments of Public Health. The crisis for the facility began in mid-May with the last of 29 positive cases of residents being on 06/04/2020 and last known case of 11 staff was on 06/17/2020.

The initial cause of the outbreak remains unknown and the facility has followed the guidance from the CDC, CMS, Wapello County and Iowa Departments of Public Health and Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. The facility also received assistance from the Wapello County Emergency Management Services. We wish to thank all of those agencies for their assistance.

We especially want to thank our residents, their families, and the community for their generous support and consider our employees as true heroes through this difficult time.

The facility is in the process of a major cleaning and sanitization of all areas. It is accepting admissions however visitation will continue to be limited to compassionate care situations only. Every resident will be monitored daily and staff will continue to be screened prior to and at the end of their work shifts. The facility also will follow the Three-Phase re-opening guidelines for nursing facilities which is posted on Iowa Department of Public Health's website.

Sincerely,

Ron Stursma, Administrator