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Our facility did have a COVID outbreak that is now much resolved. There are a couple of residents that remain in isolation for two to three days yet. The symptoms were overall mild and some residents were unaware that they had it. One resident did get extremely ill. Many of our staff were off of work which made it difficult for their co-workers. Thank you the staff that stepped up to help. You are appreciated. The facility did run into a shortage of some personal protective equipment but made it through with some help from our partners such as Wapello County Public Health.

Iowa HHS also was involved in monitoring the outbreak and offer suggestions. Communication to the resident's families was of utmost importance. Many of those continued to visit however others chose not to. It spread very quickly bringing back memories from 2020. The worst factor was for those residents that were isolated to their rooms for ten days. With all factors mentioned above, we do recommend to continue to get the COVID vaccine again. Vista Woods will have an immunization clinic for residents in October. The Flu vaccination will also be offered at that time.

Staff and visitors should remain diligent with hand washing and if any symptoms are present, defer visiting and stay away from large groups and events.

My special thank you goes to the residents and their families for their support. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Our doors are open for you.

Sincerely,

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