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Vista Woods Care Center continues to be transparent with updates to our residents, their families, staff, and the public regarding COVID-19. We will continue to update our website periodically as changes occur and notify family members individually of a resident's change of condition. We have been working closely with the Wapello County and Iowa Departments of Public Health (IDPH) and the Wapello County Emergency Services. The facility is following the IDPH, CDC and CMS and Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals guidelines. Almost every day those agencies are contacted with status changes. The Iowa State Ombudsman's Office also has been in contact with the facility. We appreciate those agencies for their assistance.

There are currently 13 resident's in-house that have tested positive for the virus. They are being isolated in a separate area of the facility. We have one resident in the hospital and ten residents have since passed. One resident discharged and four recoveries. We hope to see more recoveries soon.

Seven staff members have now tested positive, three of those have been cleared to return to work. Serology testing was made available to all of our employees this past week with results expected soon. Test Iowa continues to be accessible in Ottumwa until Friday. The local Emergency Management Service has delivered some N95 masks and disposable gowns to meet our needs.

The Governor's Office has laid out a plan to reopen nursing facilities in the future however we expect to continue visitation restrictions for several weeks.

We again wish to thank all of the agencies identified above for their on-going support and guidance and especially want to thank our resident's families, our staff, and the community.

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