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Cabarrus Health Alliance provides update on COVID-19 in local facilities

Kannapolis, N.C. – Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA), Cabarrus County’s public health authority, is providing an update on COVID-19 in congregate living settings. Upon learning of confirmed cases of COVID-19 at long term care and congregate living facilities, CHA launches investigations and conducts facility-wide testing.

“Testing within these facilities is critical to protect our residents. Our staff has and will continue to test everyone who lives or works in these facilities as cases are identified as a proactive step to prevent additional spread of the virus,” said Dr. Bonnie Coyle, CHA Health Director.

Staff from each facility have partnered with CHA to follow sanitation guidelines, implement recommended processes and monitor individuals who may have been exposed to the virus.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is now reporting COVID-19 data within congregate living settings in a new weekly report. It can be found here: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19/covid-19-nc-case-count#by-congregate-living>.

Atrium Rehab

All staff and residents of Atrium Rehab were tested on March 31. 173 tests were administered resulting in 12 positive cases. There has been one death at this facility associated with COVID-19.

Five Oaks

CHA previously tested all 300 staff and residents at Five Oaks Rehab in Concord. 74 tests were positive and there are six deaths associated with COVID-19 at this facility. Today, CHA staff retested all those who originally tested negative at the facility.

Salvation Army

CHA staff conducted testing for Salvation Army shelter residents on April 13 after one initial case was identified. The mass testing resulted in one additional positive case for a total of two. The team worked quickly to appropriately isolate and quarantine residents.

Elmcroft

CHA tested all staff and residents of Elmcroft Senior Living in Harrisburg on April 21. A total of 84 tests were administered. NCDHHS currently reports two positive cases at the facility. An additional 12 cases have since been identified and sent to the state. This addition brings the total positive case count to 14.

Suburban Guardianship

All staff and residents of the Veterans Affairs (VA) housing facility of Suburban Guardianship were tested on April 24. They currently have two confirmed cases with the remainder of tests (nine) pending.

CHA reminds all Cabarrus County residents to continue social distancing, wearing a mask when in public, washing hands or using sanitizer regularly, and seeking medical care if you have symptoms of fever (100.4 or higher), cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. If you exhibit these symptoms, call your primary care provider. If you do not have a primary care provider, call the CHA Health Information Line at 704-920-1213.

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