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COVID-19 Outbreak Identified at Elmcroft

The Moore County Health Department has been notified of confirmed positive COVID-19 test results for four staff members and four residents of Elmcroft of Southern Pines (101 Brucewood Road, Southern Pines). In long-term care or congregate living settings, a COVID-19 outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed cases. With Elmcroft now under an outbreak designation, weekly COVID-19 testing of all residents and staff will be conducted until the outbreak is concluded. An outbreak is considered over if there is no evidence of continued transmission within the facility following a twenty-eight day period.

Bi-weekly testing for nursing home staff was mandated by Secretarial Order #2 beginning August 7th. A copy of the Order can be found here: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/Secretarial-Order-2-Mandatory-Testing-for-Staff-in-Nursing-Homes.pdf>.

With the addition of Elmcroft, Moore County's cumulative total of COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care is now nine since the pandemic began. Of the nine total outbreaks Moore County has experienced, three have been declared concluded (Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Fox Hollow, and Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care).

You can find more detailed information regarding ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care facilities in Moore and other NC Counties by accessing a report published by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) at <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Weekly-COVID19-Ongoing-Outbreaks.pdf>.

In total, there have been 1,360 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Moore County to date. To protect privacy, no further information about the individuals who have tested positive will be shared by the Health Department.

Moore County's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard can be found here:
<https://moorecounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4c11e5bf79b64a6e9c8377d5129cc97c>

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