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**COVID-19 Outbreak Identified at Penick Village**

The Moore County Health Department has been notified of confirmed positive COVID-19 test results for one staff member and one resident of Penick Village (500 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Southern Pines). In long-term care or congregate living settings, a COVID-19 outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed cases.

Testing conducted at Penick Village October 5th through 7th generated the facility's two COVID-19 positive test results. Weekly testing for all residents and staff of the facility's assisted living section will continue until the conclusion of the outbreak. An outbreak is considered concluded if there is no evidence of transmission following a 28-day period.

Bi-weekly COVID-19 testing for all nursing home staff was mandated by Secretarial Order #2 beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 Penick Village, Moore County's cumulative total of COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and congregate living settings is now thirteen since the pandemic began. Of the thirteen total outbreaks Moore County has experienced, four have been declared concluded (Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Fox Hollow, Seven Lakes Assisted Living and Memory Care, and Peak Resources Pinelake).

You can find more detailed information regarding ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care & congregate living facilities in Moore and other NC Counties by accessing a report published by NCDHHS at: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Weekly-COVID19-Ongoing-Outbreaks.pdf>.

In total, there have been 1,858 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Moore County to date. Health Department staff are monitoring individuals who have tested positive and will follow up with anyone who is identified as a close contact. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines "close contact" as being within six feet for 10 minutes or more. To protect privacy, no further information about the individuals who have tested positive will be shared by the Health Department.

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Moore County's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard can be found here:

<https://moorecounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4c11e5bf79b64a6e9c8377d5129cc97c>

For more information about coronavirus and Moore County's response, please visit [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health), find us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter (@mocohealth).

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