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Two New COVID-19 Outbreaks Identified In Moore

The Moore County Health Department has been notified of confirmed positive COVID-19 test results for four residents and seven staff members of The Coventry (105 Gossman Dr, Southern Pines). Additionally, two COVID-19 positive staff members and one COVID-19 positive resident have been reported for Elmcroft (101 Brucewood Rd, 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 both facilities from December 13th through December 16th generated the positive COVID-19 test results. Weekly testing for all residents and staff of the facilities will continue until the conclusion of the outbreaks. An outbreak is considered concluded if there is no evidence of transmission following a 28-day period.

With the addition of the two facilities, Moore County's cumulative total of COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and congregate living settings is now eighteen since the pandemic began. Of the eighteen total outbreaks Moore County has experienced, ten have been declared concluded. This is the second outbreak for Elmcroft. The facilities first outbreak, which was reported September 4th, generated seventeen total cases and one resident death.

Currently, there are eight active COVID-19 outbreaks in Moore County long-term care facilities:

- Peak Resources Pinelake
- Accordius Health at Aberdeen
- St. Joseph of the Pines
- Quail Haven
- The Greens at Pinehurst
- Tara Plantation of Carthage
- The Coventry
- Elmcroft

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 the North Carolina Department of Health

"To Protect and Promote Health through Prevention and Control of Disease and Injury."
<http://www.moirecountync.gov/health/>

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and Human Services (NCDHHS) at: <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Weekly-COVID19-Ongoing-Outbreaks.pdf>.

In total, there have been 4,032 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 someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the patient is isolated. 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>

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

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