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### **Number of Residents and Staff at Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center Test Positive for COVID-19**

On Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Moore County Health Department worked in conjunction with FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital to have all of Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center's residents and employees tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). This was done in cooperation with Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center after a positive COVID-19 case was linked to the facility over the weekend. Today, a number of those test results have come back as confirmed positives for COVID-19. Of the entire resident population of ninety-six, twenty-six test results have returned positive. In addition to the twenty-six positive resident tests, out of a staff of one-hundred fifteen, five staff members have also tested positive. These are preliminary numbers, not all results for the residents and staff have been received at the time of this release. Once those results are received, Moore County Health Department will provide an update. All test results received are shared with the affected residents and their families. To protect privacy, no further information about the individuals who have tested positive will be shared by the Health Department.

Residents of the facility who have tested positive for COVID-19 are isolated from others. None of the residents that have so far been diagnosed have exhibited severe symptoms or signs of respiratory distress. Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center's skilled nursing staff will continue to provide quality care to all residents, with resident and staff safety being the utmost priority. The facility will work in a coordinated effort with the Moore County Health Department to closely monitor residents and stop the further spread of COVID-19. FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital will provide extended care to the facility's residents or staff should their symptoms become severe.

To date, Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center has consistently followed all local and state directives meant to curb the spread of the virus including restricting visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel as well as strictly adhering to infection prevention practices.

The Moore County Health Department will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. For more information about coronavirus and Moore County's response, please visit [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health).

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