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Douglas County Health Center confirms 6 residents, 3 employees test positive for COVID-19

On April 1, 2020, Douglas County officials received confirmation that six long term care residents and three staff members of the Douglas County Health Center have tested positive for COVID-19.

With two residents previously confirmed positive on Sunday, the total number of residents impacted is now eight. The three staff members who tested positive, include one who was presumed positive on Sunday.

Five of the residents who tested positive are hospitalized and in stable condition. Three residents are isolated at the Health Center and being monitored by staff. One employee is hospitalized and in stable condition and the other two employees are in isolation at home.

“We are doing everything in our power to contain the spread,” said Erin Nelson, administrator of Douglas County Health Center. “Our long term care residents are like family to us, and we are going above and beyond to continue our compassionate care during this difficult time.”

All employees at the Health Center are trained and required to wear N95 masks. They are also screened with temperature checks prior to the start of their shifts.

Douglas County Health Center officials continue to adhere to CDC recommendations and are in constant communication with the infectious disease team at Nebraska Medicine for guidance specific to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Wednesday afternoon, experts with Nebraska Medicine’s Biocontainment Unit will take a tour of the Health Center and offer additional suggestions and refinements to the Health Center’s policies.

“I have confidence in the leadership team at the Douglas County Health Center,” said Douglas County Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson. “No one has ever experienced anything like COVID-19 in this lifetime, and our leadership team is working tirelessly and diligently to ensure the safety and health of all of our staff and residents.”

About Douglas County Health Center

Douglas County Health Center, located at 4102 Woolworth Ave. in Omaha, has proudly been serving the community for more than 125 years. Douglas County Health Center building is home to 235 long term care residents, the Community Mental Health Center, and the Douglas County Primary Health Care Clinic.