



## **DUBUQUE SPECIALTY CARE STATEMENT MAY 18, 2020**

Dubuque Specialty Care has experienced a total of 40 residents and nine employees testing positive for COVID-19. Due to privacy regulations, we aren't able to share more information about these residents or employees. The health and safety of our residents and employees is of utmost importance to us. We continue to follow CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) infection control guidelines. This includes separating our positive-testing residents from other residents, requiring positive employees to not come into work, and utilizing proper PPE throughout the building. We have been in communication with the appropriate state and local public health authorities since we learned of our first positive test on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We have been and will continue to screen all staff at the beginning and end of their shift for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. We also monitor our residents' vitals and temperature at least twice per day to assess their health and well-being.

We wish to thank the community and our resident families for their encouragement and support of our residents and our employees during this time.

To monitor updates for any changes in COVID positive numbers, we refer you to the IDPH's COVID-19 website at [www.coronavirus.iowa.gov](http://www.coronavirus.iowa.gov).

*(NOTE: The IDPH's website states the information they report is as accurate as they can report based on the data they have on hand. Their May 18<sup>th</sup> website shows 30 positives tests for Dubuque Specialty Care. The information we are providing in this statement is known by the state, but their current reporting system lags real-time data by a day or two.)*

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