



**WAPELLO SPECIALTY CARE STATEMENT
MAY 18, 2020**

UPDATE: Two additional residents have tested positive over the weekend at Wapello Specialty Care, bringing the number of residents testing positive with COVID-19 to 14. The number of staff members testing positive has remained at 12.

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 not to come into work, and utilizing proper PPE throughout the building. We continue to be in communication with the Louisa County Health Department and IDPH.

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.

To follow updates of COVID reporting information, we refer you to the IDPH's COVID-19 website at 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 18th website shows 24 positive tests for Wapello 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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