



**WAPELLO SPECIALTY CARE STATEMENT
JUNE 3, 2020**

UPDATE: Wapello Specialty Care has experienced a total of 28 residents and 19 staff members testing positive for COVID-19 since our first positive notification on April 29th. Thus far, 17 of 19 staff members have recovered and are back to work, and five residents have recovered. To reach “recovered” status an individual needs to be at least 3 days fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications, shown improvement in respiratory symptoms, and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Patients testing positive without symptoms must have gone at least 10 days since their first positive diagnostic test showing no symptoms during that time period.

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.

We’d like to send a note of gratitude to our heroic staff at Wapello Specialty Care, including our Reliant Rehabilitation therapists. We are grateful for the compassion our employees show and the dedication they demonstrate each day for our residents.

To follow updates of COVID reporting information, we refer you to the IDPH’s COVID-19 website at www.coronavirus.iowa.gov.

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