

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 525630	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/15/2025
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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 30992</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility does not have an effective infection control program to control the spread of infectious disease, in this case COVID-19; this has the potential to affect all 87 residents residing at the facility.</p> <p>The facility is experiencing an extensive COVID outbreak that started on 12/30/24 when three (3) residents and one (1) staff member tested COVID positive. The outbreak has affected 6 of 6 units. As of 1/15/25, 38 residents and 18 staff members (total of 56) tested COVID positive during this ongoing outbreak. The facility failed to do the following:</p> <p>Staff were observed exiting COVID positive room with PPE on and doffing PPE in the hallway. While removing PPE in the hallway, staff contaminated clean PPE with dirty PPE.</p> <p>The facility is not documenting COVID positive residents' signs and symptoms on the line list or elsewhere.</p> <p>The facility is not fit testing agency staff for N95s.</p> <p>On 12/30/24, the facility identified they were in a COVID outbreak when three (3) residents tested COVID positive. On 12/30/24, LPN/IP C stated two additional residents, R16 and R19, had nasal symptoms. The facility did not test R16 and R19 for COVID until 12/31/24 (1 day later). On 12/31/24, R16 and R19 both testing COVID positive.</p> <p>Evidenced by:</p> <p>The facility's policy, Coronavirus Surveillance Policy, dated 2/13/23, indicates, in part, as follows: The facility will implement heightened surveillance activities for coronavirus illness during periods of transmission in the community and/or during a declared public health emergency for the illness.</p> <p>Definitions: Coronavirus is a virus that causes mild to severe respiratory illness.</p> <p>COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, a coronavirus discovered in 2019. The virus spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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