

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  555226	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  01/28/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  The Springs Healthcare Center at the Carlotta		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  41505 Carlotta Drive Palm Desert, CA 92211	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (Each deficiency must be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)		
<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure staff were wearing the N95 Respirator (a tight fitting disposable mask that filters out at least 95% of airborne particles including virus) they were approved to wear during Fit Testing (testing that determines the exact make and model of the N95 mask to be worn) for two out of three staff. This failure had the potential for the spread of COVID-19 (A contagious virus spread through respirator droplets) to other residents and staff in the facility. Findings: On January 28, 2026, at 10:05 a.m., an observation of a sign at the facility entrance indicated, . (The facility) currently (has) Covid cases in the building .we ask that you wear a mask during your visit . On January 28, 2026, at 10:43 a.m., an interview was conducted with Registered Nurse (RN) 1 who stated, due to positive COVID-19 cases in the facility, staff are required to wear an N95 mask throughout their shift. The RN stated the facility fit tests to ensure staff wear the correct N95 mask that fits properly to help decrease the spread of COVID-19 to other residents or staff. On January 28, 2026, at 11:35 a.m., a concurrent interview with Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) 1, and an observation of CNA 1's N95 mask was conducted. CNA 1 was observed wearing a solid white circular N95 mask. The CNA stated she is required to wear an N95 mask in the facility due to COVID-19 positive residents. CNA 1 further stated she was fit tested approximately six months ago, which indicated she is to wear the mask she is currently wearing (solid white circular N95 mask). A review of CNA 1's, Respirator Fit Test Record, dated, March 26, 2025, indicated, 3M N95 mask, signed by the Infection Preventionist (IP). On January 28, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., a concurrent interview with Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) 1 and an observation of LVN 1's N95 mask was conducted. LVN 1 was observed wearing a solid white circular N95 mask. LVN 1 stated she is required to wear a N95 mask in the facility due to COVID-19 positive residents. LVN 1 stated the facility fit tested her approximately one month prior, which indicated she is to wear the mask she is currently wearing (Solid white circular N95 mask). LVN 1 stated it is important to wear the correct N95 mask to prevent the spread of infection. A review of LVN 1's, Respirator Fit Test Record, dated, November 24, 2025, indicated the results of a Medline N95 mask, signed by the IP. On January 28, 2026, at 4:20 p.m., a concurrent interview with the IP and record review of CNA 1 &amp; LVN 1's Fit Test results were conducted. The IP stated there were currently eight COVID-19 positive residents in the facility and staff were required to wear a N95 mask while in the facility to prevent the spread of infection. The IP further stated staff are fit tested for N95 masks annually to ensure they are wearing the correct mask that fits properly with no air leaks, preventing infected air from entering their respiratory system, in turn preventing the spread of infection to others. The IP further stated there are three types of N95 masks the facility uses, the Med-line, a green and white striped mask, the [NAME], a solid white circular mask, and the 3M, a white duck bill shaped mask. The IP reviewed CNA 1's fit test record, dated, March 26, 2025, and verified CNA 1 was to wear the 3M N95, not the [NAME] N95 CNA was observed wearing earlier in the day at 11:35</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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