

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675564	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/28/2025
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<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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 39269</p> <p>Based on interviews, and record review, the facility failed to establish and maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infection for 2 of 5 residents (Residents #1 and #2) reviewed for infection control.</p> <p>The facility failed to ensure Resident #1 was placed on Isolation after she tested COVID-19 (Coronavirus 2019) positive in the hospital on [DATE].</p> <p>The facility failed to have signage on Resident #1's door that reflected PPE was required for infection control.</p> <p>The facility failed to removed Resident #2 from a COVID-19 positive room even though she tested negative for COVID.</p> <p>These failures could place residents at risk for infection, or hospitalization .</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>According to the intakes received by HHSC, The facility is not practicing infection control. They are not quarantining the covid positive Residents. [Resident #3] is next door to [Resident #1], and she is Covid Positive. The staff are not wearing PPEs, gloves or gowns. The staff are saying the Resident's covid test results are negative. This is false. The Complainant is concerned Covid will spread to other Residents due to the facility lack of infection Control, and on [DATE], [Resident #1] was sent to the local hospital due to loss of appetite, body aches and cough .The Resident came back from the hospital a couple of hours later. The Complainant assisted EMS with getting the Resident back into the facility and overheard an EMT tell [LVN A] that [Resident #1] had COVID. [Resident #1] is not receiving treatment, and there is not even isolation sign on her door. The complainant fears the illness will spread to other Residents. There Complainant is not aware of other active COVID-19 cases in the facility, but there are several Residents with similar symptom. [sic]</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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