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Gunnisonville Meadows: residents and staff free from COVID-19 symptoms

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- A little over a week ago, Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) and Gunnisonville Meadows Senior Assisted Living reported a cluster of COVID-19 cases, which included 17 residents and 2 staff members. As previously reported, this sadly included the death of 4 residents.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department and Gunnisonville Meadows are grateful to report no new cases or deaths and the end of the 14-day quarantine period. No residents or staff members currently show symptoms. The facility is still closed to all but essential staff as a preventative measure; residents are doing well, and the staff takes great care to ensure residents stay active and engaged.

The employees who tested positive have fully recovered and have returned to work. Residents who had tested positive were isolated in their rooms for two weeks and are on the road to recovery.

Robert Baldino, co-owner of Gunnisonville Meadows stated, "We pride ourselves in treating our residents as family. While this has been an emotional and trying time for all, we want to thank our residents, resident families and staff for their continued passion, care and support. Gunnisonville Meadows chose to voluntarily test everyone at our facility to best treat, isolate and care for residents. We hope everyone understands that all facilities, no matter how fully prepared, are vulnerable to COVID-19, but taking appropriate measures and testing can help save lives."

Gunnisonville Meadows continues to work closely with MMDHD. They are currently:

- Taking temperatures every three hours
- Monitoring residents' respiratory and oxygen levels every three hours
- Cleaning and disinfecting the facility many times a day
- Practicing enhanced hand hygiene and use of personal protective equipment for staff, including N95 masks and gowns

All communal spaces remain closed and non-essential visitors are prohibited from entering the facility.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department will continue to provide infection control guidance as needed.

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