

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  555438	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  08/08/2022
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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - 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> 44309</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to maintain a system to prevent and control the transmission of COVID -19 (Coronavirus disease 2019 is an infectious disease caused by virus that can result in different symptoms from mild to severe respiratory illnesses and is spread during close contact and through the air from person to person) infection for three of five sampled residents (Resident 3, Resident 4, and Resident 5) by failing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Designate a break room for the staff working in the red zone (space designated for COVID-19 positive residents) away from the resident care area.</li> <li>-Ensure the doors to three resident rooms in the red zone remained closed.</li> <li>-Ensure Restorative Nurse Assistant 1 (RNA 1), Certified Nursing Assistant 1 was wearing eye protection and gown while inside a resident room in the yellow zone (space designated to be used and occupied by residents potentially exposed to COVID-19).</li> </ul> <p>As a result, on 6/20, 6/25 and 6/30/2022, Resident 3, 4 and 5 tested COVID-19 positive and on 7/6/2022 there were 16 residents and 11 staff positive for COVID-19, 30 residents moved to the yellow zone and all staff and residents in the facility were at risk of being infected and becoming seriously ill, possibly leading to hospitalization and/or death.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>A review of facility's census and color-coded map for the third floor indicated, on 6/3/2022 when the facility physically opened the red zone for the current COVID-19 outbreak, there was one resident in the red zone. Eight residents were in the yellow zone, who were newly admitted residents to the facility, and there were 59 residents in the green zone.</p> <p>A review of Resident 3's Admission Record indicated the facility admitted the resident to the green zone (space designated for residents not exposed to COVID-19) on 4/6/2022 with diagnoses including urinary tract infection (bacteria gets in the urine and travels up to the bladder), encephalopathy (any brain disease that alters brain function or structure), hypothyroidism (a condition in which the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormone), and hypertension (high blood pressure).</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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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A review of Resident 3's Minimum Data Set (MDS- a standardized assessment and care screening tool) dated 4/10/2022 indicated the resident had moderately impaired cognition (decisions poor, cues/supervision required), and required extensive assistance with one person assist for personal hygiene, dressing, bed mobility, transfer, and toilet use.</p> <p>A review of the Situation Background Assessment and Response (SBAR) form dated 6/20/2022 indicated Resident 3 tested positive for COVID-19 and was transferred to the red zone.</p> <p>A review of the progress note dated 6/20/2022 at 11:11 PM indicated Resident 3 had a non-productive cough, chest congestion and fatigue. A review of progress note dated 6/24/2022 at 6:11 PM indicated Resident 3 stated she was feeling depressed because of her medical condition. Resident 3 expressed that she was having trouble falling asleep, felt tired or having little energy, had poor appetite and she was having trouble concentrating on things. The progress note indicated Resident 3 stated she was feeling restless because of her current situation being in the facility and being far from family.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 7/20/2022 at 12:35 PM, Resident 3's family member (FM) stated he visited Resident 3 on 6/19/2022 and on 6/20/2022. The FM stated he started developing COVID-19 symptoms two days after his visit.</p> <p>A review of Resident 4's Admission Record indicated the facility admitted the resident to the green zone on 4/16/2022 with diagnoses including open wound right lower leg, Type II diabetes mellitus (a disease that occurs when your blood sugar is too high) and hypertension.</p> <p>A review of Resident 4's MDS dated [DATE] indicated the resident had mildly impaired cognition (some difficulty in new situations only) and required extensive assistance with one person assist for dressing, bed mobility, transfer, and toilet use.</p> <p>A review of Resident 4's SBAR dated 6/25/2022 indicated Resident 4 tested positive for COVID-19 and was transferred to the red zone.</p> <p>A review of progress note dated 6/25/2022 indicated Resident 4 had a non-productive cough and sneezing. The progress note timed at 11:43 PM indicated Resident 4 was experiencing weakness and feeling cold. On 6/27/2022 at 5:11 AM the progress note indicated Resident 4 exhibited COVID-19 symptoms of fatigue, was weak during shift requiring more assistance during shift while using bathroom.</p> <p>A review of Resident 5's Admission Record indicated the facility admitted the resident on 6/19/2022 with diagnoses including heart failure (a condition in which the heart does not pump blood as well as it should), chronic kidney disease (damage to kidneys that happens slowly over a long period of time, can cause wastes to build up in the body), Type II diabetes and was admitted to the green zone.</p> <p>A review of Resident 5's MDS dated [DATE] indicated the resident had severely impaired cognition (never / rarely made decisions) and required extensive assistance with one person assist for toilet use, dressing, bed mobility and transfer.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0880  Level of Harm - Actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>A review of facility's policy and procedure titled, Infection Prevention and Control: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), revised on 10/30/2020 indicated in the yellow zone, staff were required to wear goggles/face shields when providing care within six feet of residents. In the yellow zone gowns should be worn with only single patient. COVID-19 positive residents (asymptomatic or symptomatic) will be placed in a separate area (building, unit, or wing) of the facility (Red Zone) and have dedicated staff who do not provide care for residents in other cohorts and should have separate break rooms and restrooms if possible. In the red zone, staff only respite area away from resident care area staff storage, breaks, etc. separate from other staff working in the yellow and green zones.</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy and procedures titled, COVID-19 Routine Diagnostics or Surveillance Testing and COVID-19 Response Testing Policy, revised 1/6/2022, indicated all staff, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a medical grade surgical/procedure mask or N95 respirator for universal source control at all times while they are in the facility, or in accordance with current federal, state, or local health department guidance.</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy and procedures titled, COVID-19 General Guidelines, dated 1/6/2022, indicated all staff members, must don (put on) and doff (remove) gowns each resident encounter with symptomatic residents and/or asymptomatic, recently exposed or in accordance with the current federal, state or local health department and guidance.</p>		