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COVID-19 Cases at Congregant-Living Facilities Monitored

The Kankakee County Health Department continues to monitor cases of COVID-19 within congregant settings throughout the county. To date, 142 of the county's 242 confirmed cases of COVID-19, or 59%, have come from congregant-living facilities.

“Individuals in congregant-living facilities become some of the most vulnerable, especially those in long-term care facilities,” said Lindsay Wilson, MPH, Health Promotion Coordinator/ Emergency Response Coordinator, Kankakee County Health Department. “For this reason, we are tracking cases among this population very closely.”

Riverside Healthcare, has announced 17 residents of Riverside's Miller Healthcare have tested positive with COVID-19.

“I want you to know that the strength of our entire system is being brought to bear on the situation,” said Riverside President and CEO Phil Kambic. “Our leadership at the facility and throughout the Riverside continuum are working seamlessly around the clock to further protect and care for these residents.”

The 17 residents who have tested positive are in isolation in the building's newly converted negative pressure hall. All residents have been proactively tested so that they can be properly isolated. Family members of residents were notified of the testing by Miller staff. The facility will soon have the capacity for 55 residents to be placed in negative pressure isolation if needed.

All staff at Miller continue to follow strict protocols for their protection and that of the residents, Kambic said. He also noted they have added numerous clinical resources including additional staff at all levels

For more information about COVID-19 visit:

Kankakee County Health Department Website: www.kankakeehealth.org

IDPH COVID-19 Website: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

CDC COVID-19 Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Contact the IDPH COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-889-3931 | email dph.sick@illinois.gov.

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