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Spring River Christian Village Provides COVID Update

(Joplin, MO) The Christian Horizons (CH) COVID-19 Task Force reported two new positives cases and two resident deaths today at Spring River Christian Village located in Joplin, MO.

“We have notified and are working with Joplin Public Health officials as required and are following procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention,” said Ray Dickison, COO and task force leader. “It has not yet been determined whether COVID was a factor in the two deaths.”

Proactively, on June 16, 2020 all residents and associates were tested for COVID-19. Subsequently, residents and associates were re-tested on June 23, 2020. As a result, we have reported 27 resident cases and 15 associate cases. We are responding in accordance to our containment and treatment plans – doing everything we can to ensure we stop the spread of this within our communities.

We are in close communication with the local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps currently. We have dedicated units for infection prevention, dedicated staff with enhanced training, enhanced cleaning protocols and management of personal protective equipment and supplies. We have advanced clinical team support with 24/7 telehealth monitoring capabilities for immediate assessment and management of treatment interventions.

On June 1, 2020, CMS released a memo to State Survey Agency Directors calling on states to ensure that all Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing homes receive an on-site infection control focused survey and that access to the new CARES Act funding for states will be tied to their progress on completing these surveys.

The focused infection control survey conducted at Spring River Christian Village was deficiency free and found Spring River in compliance with all infection control regulations having implemented all of the recommended practices and procedures provided by the CMS and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for Long Term Care Facilities to control the spread of COVID-19.

In the past two weeks, positive cases in Joplin, MO have continued to grow now up to 103 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in city limits since tracking began.

“The results of our survey speak to our commitment to the safety of our residents and caregiving associates,” said Ray Dickison, Christian Horizons COVID Task Force Leader. “We will continue the fight against COVID and continue to enforce the recommended preventative actions to contain the virus such as visitor restriction, associate screening, social distancing, eliminating all group activities, eliminating all group dining, and implementing all infection control prevention and precautions.”

We will continue to stay committed to ongoing testing of our residents and associates. To learn more about what CH is doing in response to COVID-19, visit us at ChristianHorizonsLiving.org

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About Spring River Christian Village

Spring River Christian Village located at 201 S. Northpark Lane in Joplin, MO is part of the Christian Horizons family. Christian Horizons is a faith-based, not-for-profit that has been proactively meeting the needs of those requiring post-acute care services and senior living options since 1965. Christian Horizons consists of 11 senior living communities, hospice care, private duty home care, and pharmacy services to nearly 2,000 residents across four states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri).