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**Spring River Christian Village Covid-19 Update**

The not-for-profit senior living community in Joplin, MO

**Joplin, MO, July 30, 2020** - Despite stringent precautions, the first positive case of COVID-19 at Spring River Christian Village was reported on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. As a result, Spring River took the proactive step of testing all residents and associates on June 16 and have retested weekly resulting in the updated statistics.

- 73 residents have tested positive, and of these 21 have passed.
- 47 residents have met the CDC recovery requirements.
- 54 associates have tested positive, and 45 are now classified as recovered. All associates exhibiting symptoms or testing positive are not allowed to return to the campus until they are 10 days post symptom onset and have improvement in symptoms including 24 hours without fever. Asymptomatic associate positives can return 10 days post positive test.

As one of greater Joplin's most respected Life Plan communities, over 35 years Spring River has taken great pride in providing the best in senior living and care. And when – despite stringent precautions – the community, like much of Jasper and Newton Counties, was hit hard by the COVID-19 virus, it was nearly overwhelming.

During the past weeks, we've been able to bring this outbreak under control. More COVID-positive residents have now recovered and are moving back to their normal living environments. More affected associates have been medically cleared and are returning to their important work. And slowly, we are taking the first steps towards restoring our community – resuming new admissions with clinical care needs starting Monday, August 3.

“What has seen us through has been our faith, our people and the incredible response from the Joplin community,” said Stacey Smith, Executive Director.

“We're grateful for the support we've received during these challenging days. We'd like to thank Spring River residents and their families for their positivity and understanding; our incredible associates, who have worked selflessly around the clock to keep residents secure, connected and cared for; local businesses for their generosity and partnership; area churches for their outreach and fellowship; and, the Joplin community for their encouragement, donations and much-appreciated boxes of fresh donuts and pizzas.”

New skilled nursing admissions may or may not be recovering from COVID-19. For those who are recovering but still require special isolation precautions, our distinct COVID Recovery Unit will remain in place. Following all infection control recommendations and guidelines of the CDC, and governing health authorities, the Unit will remain completely isolated to contain the virus and prevent spread in our community.

Spring River expresses deep gratitude to everyone at Freeman and Mercy Hospitals – doctors, nurses, technicians and support staff – whose heroic efforts were absolutely vital during those trying weeks.

Stay safe, Joplin. Together, we are going to see this through. To learn more about what CH is doing in response to COVID-19, visit us at [ChristianHorizonsLiving.org](http://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).