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CLUSTER OF COVID-19 CASES CONFIRMED AT A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. — The Montgomery County Health Department announced today an isolated cluster of COVID-19 cases at a long-term care facility.

Health department officials were notified late Saturday that 14 residents of Ben Hur Health & Rehabilitation tested positive for the virus. An additional case was confirmed for another Montgomery County resident. The new cases bring Montgomery County to 47 positive cases since the first case was recorded in March.

"We understand the worry and concern for patients, their families and the community created by this outbreak," said Dr. Scott Douglas, Montgomery County Health Officer. "We are working closely with the Indiana State Department of Health and Ben Hur Health and Rehabilitation to limit the transmission of the infection and to provide for the safety of all residents and staff in the facility."

Twenty-six residents were tested on Friday after multiple residents registered fevers on Thursday. Residents who tested positive for COVID-19 have been put into isolation and Ben Hur staff has made contact with family members. Health department staff will work with Ben Hur staff to conduct contact tracing.

"The health and wellness of our residents and employees remain our highest priorities. We are in close contact with local, state and federal health authorities, following their guidance, mandates and reporting requirements," said Sherri Davies, a Ben Hur Health & Rehabilitation Center spokesperson. "Uniquely, we have created our own testing strike team of nurses and partnered with a private lab to expand our testing capabilities. This strategy enhances our ability to quickly identify and implement isolation protocols when appropriate. Communication with families is very important to us. Should a positive COVID-19 case occur, all residents, families, and employees are notified."

Updates and other information can be found on the Montgomery County Health Department website and social media channels. Other information is available on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website (www.coronavirus.gov) or the Indiana State Department of Health website (www.in.gov/coronavirus).

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