**Statement from life care center of elkhorn – May 18, 2020**

At Life Care Center of Elkhorn, residents are – and have always been – our highest priority.

There have been some rumors that our residents are being moved out of the facility. This is absolutely untrue. Our residents are receiving care from our qualified associates who go above and beyond daily. Residents are monitored multiple times per shift, and if care needs change and more acute care is needed, we work with our medical director and other physicians to transfer them to a local hospital.

As of Monday, May 18, here is an update regarding COVID-19:

* All residents were tested on Monday, May 11.
  + 51 residents have tested positive.
  + 25 residents have tested negative.
  + 2 tests are still pending.
  + 7 residents are hospitalized due to COVID-19.
  + 2 residents have passed away.
  + Our current resident count is 65 residents in-house. (Which can fluctuate daily)
* We are in the process of testing all associates. Here are the results of the tests that have been completed:
  + 22 staff members have tested positive.
  + 30 staff members have tested negative.
* Residents, associates and family members were initially notified of our first positive case on April 28, 2020.

The associates are recovering at home and will only return to work when CDC guidelines for returning to work are met. Our facility staff is large with multiples shifts, so staffing each shift has not been a problem. We do monitor staffing levels daily and will call in agency help if needed.

We are working closely with the local health department as well as Nebraska Medicine ICAP. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States, we have been following the latest guidelines, from both state and federal authorities, including the CDC.

We express our sincere condolences to the loved ones of the residents who have passed away. We’ll continue to provide regular updates to state and local officials, as well as to family members who are concerned about the health and safety of their loved ones. Families members should reach out to facility leadership with any questions they have. We encourage family members to continue setting up video chats, phone calls and window visits. We are honored to help coordinate any of those activities.

–Michelle Yosick, executive director