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## Clay Center Presbyterian Manor has perfect score on focused infection control survey

CLAY CENTER, Kan. — Clay Center Presbyterian Manor had zero deficiencies on a focused infection control survey conducted July 13 on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The survey was conducted after CMS announced in March that all nursing homes would receive a focused infection control survey by July 31, 2020. Focused infection control surveys hone in on a nursing facility's adherence to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CMS guidance for infection control practices to prevent disease at the community.

CMS delayed annual surveys in an effort to ensure nursing homes were prepared to respond to the threat of disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Communities are assessed on staff and resident education on hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, cleaning, screening of employees and residents, effective transmission-based precautions, proper use/discarding of personal protective equipment and signage at entrances and resident rooms. It also examines the facility's policies and emergency preparedness related to a pandemic or outbreak.

"Our entire team works hard every day to follow stringent infection control practices to protect our residents' health and safety," said Morgan Burton, executive director. "The results of our focused infection control survey affirm our employees and their hard work in this difficult situation."

Clay Center Presbyterian Manor is a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), or life plan community, offering independent living, assisted living, long-term health care and short-term rehabilitation.

Senior living communities are surveyed annually by their licensing agency for compliance of regulations established by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and CMS. These regulations are designed to ensure a standard of care is met. By meeting these standards, senior living communities are able to renew their licenses and continue to provide care.

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