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Vineyard Hills Health Center

COVID-19 Outbreak

[Grover Beach, CA – July, 22nd, 2020] - Compass Health, Inc. operates Vineyard Hills Health Center, a skilled nursing facility in Templeton, CA. The facility initiated response testing of all residents and staff last week after a hospitalized resident tested positive for COVID-19. Subsequently, we received positive COVID-19 test results on seven of our current residents and two staff members. Weekly response testing will be conducted on all residents and staff until no new cases are identified.

As of this morning, the seven known positive residents are showing mild symptoms. Which is encouraging, but by no means are they out of danger.

One resident tested positive who was compromised and had a history of severe and chronic respiratory problems. This individual had been in and out of the hospital multiple times recently and was ultimately placed on comfort measures. They last tested negative for COVID-19 on 7/6/2020 while at the hospital, they returned on hospice care and passed away on 7/17/2020. While the likelihood COVID-19 played a role in the passing of this resident is doubtful, they were in fact COVID-19 positive when they passed. Nonetheless, we lost one of our beloved residents and they will be missed by their family, friends and our staff. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them for their loss.

CEO Darren Smith said: "Vineyard Hills Health Center has operationalized an isolation wing dedicated to care for all Covid-19 positives. The entire facility is operating under full PPE protocols and a state approved mitigation plan. Today's weekly response testing will determine if any additional residents or staff were infected but not detected by last week's response testing. The employees of Vineyard Hills Health Center are an exemplary group of caregivers and are dedicated to the safety of the residents in our community. This is the sobering reality of how easily this virus can spread, even while taking extensive precautions. It is a reminder that we all need to do our part in limiting its spread in our community."

Compass Health, Inc. is a locally owned and operated healthcare company that oversees the operation of seven skilled nursing facilities and two residential care facilities in San Luis Obispo County.

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