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Otterbein SeniorLife will continue to keep the public informed regarding developments related to our engagement with COVID-19. Last week, the Otterbein Franklin SeniorLife community had a contracted therapist and resident admitted to the hospital test positive for COVID-19. The therapist is recovering at home and the resident remains hospitalized. On Monday (3/23/20), we learned an Otterbein nurse tested positive and another contracted therapist tested negative. The nurse is recovering at home.

We are very grateful to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) for responding to these incidents by immediately bringing in what they call a COVID "strike team." On Tuesday (3/24/20), the ISDH team was able to immediately extend testing to 10 nursing home residents, with the results back late yesterday (3/25/20). Seven of those tested positive for COVID-19 and three tested negative.

In consultation with the Otterbein Franklin Medical Director, the seven residents testing positive were transferred to area hospitals, where they were admitted. We will continue to monitor the condition of our hospitalized residents, daily. Families of any hospitalized or symptomatic residents have been updated, as we receive information. At this point in time, Otterbein Franklin is not accepting any new residents or patients.

Today (3/26/20), the team moved asymptomatic residents from the unit where COVID-19 appears most prevalent into a separate unit, with designated caregivers. The original unit is being systematically cleansed and disinfected.

The Otterbein Franklin Medical Director is extending testing to other residents today. Should anyone new show symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive, we will consult the Medical Director and take measures that are critically important to protect our caregivers and Otterbein Franklin's at-risk residents currently free of the virus; and ensure the infected residents are in the right place to receive the best care.

Otterbein SeniorLife will keep you informed of any new developments. It is always good to remember the safety and health of an Otterbein resident and caregiver is of primary importance to us, and we take our responsibility very seriously.

