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Aase Haugen responds to COVID19 outbreak

Aase Haugen Senior Services confirms it has a COVID-19 outbreak with 12 residents and 4 staff members testing positive as of Thursday August 20, 2020. They are receiving medical treatment and the organization is in constant contact with families to provide updates and support. "Resident and staff safety is a top priority for Aase Haugen, and we are working closely with local and state Public Health officials, Iowa Healthcare Association, and Continuum Healthcare to help manage this outbreak," says Orson Bauder, Aase Haugen administrator.

The nursing facility has separate living areas for residents needing isolation and those needing to be quarantined. "Our staff is prepared and knowledgeable in the use of PPE," says Bauder, "We have been following strict protocols set by the Iowa Department of Public Health since the pandemic began." All Aase Haugen staff are screened upon entering and exiting the building for any signs or symptoms, and nurses working from outside organizations are required to provide the results of a Covid-19 test before entering the building. In addition to testing residents and staff, the facility performs regular and frequent monitoring of infection prevention systems.

Non-essential people are restricted from entering the building, and outdoor visits, drop-off items such as food and clothing from families, and deliveries from flower shops have been temporarily suspended. Postal deliveries will continue to be accepted and families are encouraged to connect with the Aase Haugen activity department to arrange video chats, calling, and window visits. In addition, the organization's website is posting COVID19 case updates at www.aasehaugen.com.

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