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**Christian-Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency Joint Information Center (JIC)
Special News Release 8/15/2020 at 5:00 pm**

Chris-Mont EMA is confirming that there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Taylorville Care Center located at 600 S. Houston St, Taylorville, IL. An outbreak, as defined by IDPH at a long term care facility, is two or more positive COVID-19 cases of staff or residents because of the higher-risk population. They currently have one resident and two staff members who have tested positive. Upon notification of the positives within the facility, they were in direct contact with the Local Health Department and Chris-Mont EMA.

The facility, public health and EMA are working together to ensure the safety of the residents and staff.

The Taylorville Care Center administration and staff would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, and the outpouring of community support as they navigate COVID-19.

This brings the total of long term care facilities in the Chris-Mont EMA response area to 7 out of 18 facilities. They are, Pana: Heritage Health & Prairie Rose; Taylorville: Taylorville Estates, Taylorville Care Center, Taylorville Skilled Nursing and Hickory Estates; Hillsboro: Tremont Ridge.

Please follow the simple recommendations of wearing a mask while in public and unable to social distance, hand washing and routinely cleaning common touch areas. These simple steps help to protect the vulnerable among us. It can also help slow the spread of the virus to LTCF care takers/workers, public safety employees and medical workers. These workers are around high risk community members daily because of the nature of their business. These simple preventative steps mentioned can help to slow the unknowing spread of the virus to these workers, which in turn, protects the high risk population they work with daily.

We are all in this together! / #OneTeamOneFight

Trusted Sources and Contact Information:

Christian County Public Health:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Christian-County-Health-Department-IL-1897847710292284>

Website: <http://www.christiancountyhealth.net>

P: 217-824-4113

Montgomery County Public Health:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryCountyHD/>

Web Site: <https://montgomeryco.com/health/>

P: 217-532-2001

Chris-Mont EMA:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChrisMontEMA/>

Website: <https://christiancountyil.com/emergency-management/>

P: 217-532-9560

Additional trusted sources for facts and information:

State of Illinois Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>

Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

P: State of Illinois 24/7 COVID Hotline: 1-800-889-3931

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