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Mercy Home containing impact of pandemic

Yet, despite valiant staff efforts, another resident succumbs to deadly virus

EAGLE LAKE, Maine (Jan. 19, 2021) – In the midst of this pandemic, Mercy Home continues to contain the impact of COVID-19: It currently has five (5) nursing home residents and three (3) staff with confirmed, active COVID-19, a sharp decrease from just a few weeks ago. However, despite valiant efforts by staff, the deadly virus took another resident at the end of last week, bringing the loss of residents to four (4).

“It’s been hard on us,” said Mercy Home Administrator Denise Raymond. “We don’t want to say ‘Goodbye’ to any of them.”

Mercy Home continues to follow all guidance from Centers for Disease Control and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. For example, another swabbing clinic to test for the novel coronavirus among employees took place yesterday. Results are pending. (All 58 samples gathered at the previous clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 13, were negative.)

Northern Maine General leadership, administrators and managers continue to advocate to its employees, clients, and the larger community the importance of proper social distancing, the wearing of masks, frequent hand-washing, and reduced trips to places where people gather.

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