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Long-term Care Facility Reports Multiple Positive Covid-19 Cases

Cape May County Health Department (CMCHD) confirmed that 15 residents and 11 staff at Victoria Manor, 3809 Bayshore Road, North Cape May tested positive for COVID-19.

No deaths have been reported in connection with the outbreak as of Monday morning.

"Public Health has been preparing for the possibility of outbreaks happening in skilled nursing facilities and other congregate care settings, and we have provided clear guidance for facilities in responding and controlling the spread of illness," said Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing, Mary Tighe. "We in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Health are working closely with the facilities now to protect residents and staff."

CMCHD began investigating immediately upon notification of ill staff and residents within the facility. Ill staff and residents began being tested, with some coming back positive. In response to these positive tests, the CMCDH assisted in delivering 400 surgical masks and 200 gowns.

Staff and residents who do not have serious symptoms are monitored, medically isolated but not hospitalized. The facility continues to follow all Center of Disease guidelines for disease outbreaks in long-term health care facilities including deep cleaning on a regular basis.

Victoria Manor is a skilled nursing facility with 120 beds. The facility is following all health recommendations to prevent further spread of the virus.

"The situation is very serious, and we are deeply concerned about residents of our senior care facilities in Cape May County," said Kevin Thomas, Health Officer. "That is why we need everyone to follow the stay-at-home order, social distancing guidance and other measures in recent health orders – to protect the people in our community who are vulnerable to severe illness from COVID-19."

In addition, there has been one confirmed death in Cape May County and more than 99 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection.

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>ACTIVE CASES</u>	OFF QUARANTINE	DEATHS
AVALON	4	2	
CAPE MAY CITY	1	2	
CAPE MAY POINT	0		
DENNIS TOWNSHIP	5		
LOWER TOWNSHIP	33	3	
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP	15	3	
NORTH WILDWOOD	2	1	
OCEAN CITY	5	1	
SEA ISLE CITY	0	1	
STONE HARBOR	0		
UPPER TOWNSHIP	6	1	1
WEST CAPE MAY	1		
WEST WILDWOOD	1		
WILDWOOD	5	1	
WILDWOOD CREST	5		
WOODBINE	0		
TOTAL ACTIVE	83		
TOTAL RECOVERED		15	
TOTAL DECEASED			1
TOTAL CASES IN CAPE MAY COUNTY	99		

For more information call the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System hotline at 211 or 1-800-962-1253, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov, the World Health Organization at www.who.int, the New Jersey Department of Health at COVID19.nj.gov. **For additional information** visit Cape May County Department of Health at www.cmchealth.net, also like us on Facebook.

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