



June 29, 2020

To: Meriwether County Residents

From: WSMC Management 

TOPIC: COVID-19

CONCERN

On June 24, 2020 it was posted on face book that Warm Springs Medical Center was experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 and the facility was attempting to cover this up.

CLARIFICATION

For the entire year of 2020, our Nursing Home has experienced zero positive resident cases of COVID-19. Our facility is very blessed and thankful to report at this writing we remain COVID FREE in our resident population.

Unfortunately we currently have four (4) employees in our Nursing Home who have tested positive for COVID-19 and two (2) under investigation; however, we have been able to prevent this from crossing over into our resident population.

As a hospital facility it is our mission to care for the sick so it is understood that we would have a greater impact of the COVID-19 virus in our hospital. Currently today we have a total of ten (10) employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 with five (5) under investigation. These employees were swiftly removed from the schedule upon receipt of positive results. We are monitoring these employees daily and returning them to work according to our Human Resources Pandemic Event policy. We also have three (3) employees under investigation who are awaiting test results. As most people are aware there have been > 600 healthcare workers die from this virus since its entry into the United States so no, healthcare workers are not immune to this virus but very much susceptible. .

Our hospital currently has two (2) COVID-19 patients in house.

Again since we are a healthcare facility and care for patients and residents who are ill, it is never our mission to cover that up. As a matter of fact WSMC is honored to care for COVID patients as we take exceptional pride in caring for our community resident's healthcare needs. In actuality, our hospital and nursing home report our numbers to external regulatory agencies on a DAILY basis, including the Department of Public Health as well as to the Centers for Disease Control. With that being said, we are very transparent in reporting our number of cases.

WSMC is evolving every day in regards to adding extra layers of protection within our facility to combat this virus. This includes new renovations to our Emergency Department Lobby, ED, Med Surg and Nursing Home. We are being proactive in preparing for a potential new wave of this virus in the fall season. WSMC Management apologizes for any confusion this face book post may have created for our community.