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For Immediate Release:

Meadowbrook Healthcare Staff Member Confirmed Positive for COVID-19

A Meadowbrook Healthcare staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. **Please note: At this time no patient or resident is displaying symptoms or has tested positive.**

On Thursday, April 28 a staff member self-assessed symptoms characteristic of COVID-19. The individual, a nurse in our Subacute unit, worked one hour before self-reporting on 4/28; prior to this shift, the staff member had not worked in the facility since April 17. Meadowbrook received a positive result today (4/30) and the staff member is now self-quarantining in their home. Our Infection Control team conducted immediate contact-tracing; this revealed that the nurse only had one interaction with a patient in our Subacute department before self-reporting and leaving the facility on April 28. The patient that had contact with the infected staff member is not portraying symptoms, however he/she will be monitored closely for 14 days in a special treatment area of Meadowbrook. The patient and their family have been notified and will be kept apprised of any new developments.

Meadowbrook has seven distinct and separate neighborhoods; the Subacute unit in which the staff member worked has been assessing residents and other staff members for symptoms and are wearing appropriate personal protective equipment and practicing strict social distancing. "COVID-19 is throughout the world and to try to keep it out of your community is virtually impossible." Said Paul Richards, CEO/Administrator. "I'm very proud of our hard-working employees for being so diligent in keeping the virus at bay for so long."

Meadowbrook staff have received training to ensure he or she can self-assess and report if symptoms occur. Every staff member is screened and has his or her temperature taken at the start of every shift. All staff are practicing proper hand-washing procedures frequently and have been provided with personal protective equipment.

Meadowbrook Healthcare will be transparent (within HIPAA guidelines) regarding all COVID-19 related issues as it pertains to our residents, patients, employees and family members. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding with this delicate matter. Please contact Sandy Geddes, Community Relations Coordinator at sgeddes@meadowbrookhealth.com or (518) 563-5440 if you have any questions.