

PRESS RELEASE

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Ruby Valley Medical Center COVID-19 Exposure Incident

Monday September 28, 2020 – Landon Dybdal, CEO reports an incident of COVID-19 exposure in an isolated department within the RVMC Organization. This exposure produced two (2) positive cases with results reported over the weekend. Both cases are symptomatic. The department where the exposure occurred has been temporarily closed for disinfection.

Staff within the facility immediately followed designated reporting protocol with notifications to Administration, Infection Control, Department Managers, and Leadership Team members. Through using this Communication Plan, created by the facility's Incident Command Team at the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, RVMC staff has been able to immediately and appropriately identify all potential contacts. Those contacts have been reported to Madison County Public Health for contact tracing efforts and required precautions are being directed through that office. Further testing is underway.

Throughout this pandemic, RVMC staff has been guided with clear instruction from internal Infection Control to mitigate spread through appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), symptom recognition, and proper hand hygiene. In conjunction with Madison County Public Health and guidance from The Centers for Disease Control, the Administration and Leadership within RVMC are confident in the organization's ability to properly address and manage this incident.

With the community's sense of security in mind, RVMC has shared these details to assure our patients and community members in our efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities. For privacy purposes, information must remain minimal and those infected will not be identified.

We appreciate the support of our community through the pandemic and promise to adhere to our commitment to quality and compassionate healthcare with goals in patient safety guiding us through these unprecedented times.

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