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Surveillance Testing Useful Defense from COVID-19 As Iroquois Lodge Discontinued Outbreak Precautions

Monday February 8, 2021 Iroquois Lodge was advised the facility could discontinue “outbreak precautions”.

“Outbreak precautions” were implemented when surveillance testing reported two positive COVID-19 tests for non-residents last Thursday February 4.

Non-residents include staff, contractors and caregivers working at the Lodge.

These precautions included placing all residents in their rooms under contact and droplet precautions. The residents ate their meals and received personal care in their rooms. PPE was worn when providing care to residents as an added layer of protection against potential transmission. As a precautionary measure, all residents and staff were retested. All of these tests came back negative.

On February 7, 2021 the Director of Health Services was advised by Public Health that the two previous, non-resident lab confirmed cases, were lab confirmed as negative.

As further precautions Iroquois Lodge will maintain the single designated caregiver while the active cases in the community remain high.

“Both residents and all of the staff are very happy to discontinue outbreak precautions. Surveillance testing proves to be an extremely useful tool to protect our people against COVID-19. I also want to say Nya:weh thank you to the staff for how well they responded to this possible outbreak. The staff really came together to keep each other and the residents safe, I am so proud of them!” Said Lori Davis Hill, Director of Health Services.

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