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Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home Teammate Tests Positive for COVID-19

MAY 13, 2020 (BELLEVUE, NEB.) — A teammate at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home in Bellevue has tested positive for COVID-19. After reporting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the teammate received testing, and has not returned to the facility since being tested. The facility is working with the Sarpy Cass Health Department to conduct contact tracing and complete additional testing of members and teammates if necessary.

The NDVA COVID-19 task force has been coordinating efforts in all four veterans' homes to limit the chances of contact with the coronavirus and has put a number of safeguards into place. Starting March 11, entry to the facilities was limited to NDVA teammates and medical professionals, who are required to complete a screening, including a temperature reading, upon entry. A "virtual visitor" system has been put in place to keep families connected while access for in-person visits is limited. All non-essential travel outside the facility was postponed and communal dining has been discontinued for the time being. Assessments and admissions for new members have been paused at all four facilities.

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