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## **COVID-19 Outbreak at Cottonwood Post-Acute Rehab**

**(Woodland, CA)** – Yolo County is announcing an outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) at the Cottonwood Post-Acute Rehab, located in Woodland. As of November 18, there are 28 confirmed cases in this outbreak (22 residents and 6 staff) with 0 deaths at this time. One resident is hospitalized. Locations like nursing facilities, where people are living in congregate settings and the population served are older or elderly with underlying health conditions, are at the highest risk of being infected. Though there has been a rise in cases at facilities such as this, these cases account for a small number of the County's total cases. The majority of recent COVID-19 cases in the County stem from community spread, social gatherings and workplace exposures.

Staff at Cottonwood Post-Acute Rehab are committed to providing the highest level of care to protect their residents from the COVID-19 virus. Since March 13, Cottonwood Post-Acute Rehab has implemented a No Visitors policy with the objective of protecting the vulnerable population they serve and reducing the risk of exposure for all residents.

Over 180 residents and staff have been tested for COVID-19 and the County will provide weekly testing for the duration of the outbreak. In addition to isolating all positive cases and monitoring staff and residents for symptoms, the facility has implemented multiple measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to:

- Notifying the California Department of Public Health
- Communicating with Yolo County Public Health staff
- Creating donning/doffing stations in buildings for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Setting up isolation and quarantine units
- Reviewing all procedures and practices
- Preparing a testing plan and schedule for all staff and residents
- Ensuring sufficient supplies and trainings of PPE
- Launching contact investigations as needed
- Screening staff for symptoms before the start of each work shift
- Performing onsite walkthroughs to improve physical distancing
- Continuing and increasing disinfection techniques
- Restricting all visitors in the facility, including vendors, until further notice

For information about Cottonwood Post-Acute Rehab, visit: <https://www.cottonwoodcare.com/>. For additional information about COVID-19 statistics, including the County's long-term care dashboard, visit: [www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-dashboard](http://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-dashboard). Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/> or Twitter at: <https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA>.

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