



COVID outbreak at Martha Mary in Poulsbo

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An outbreak of COVID-19 has struck at Martha & Mary Health Services in Poulsbo.

At least 12 people have been diagnosed with COVID – seven residents of the senior care facility and five employees, a news release says.

“These individuals have been quarantined as recommended by the Kitsap Public Health District or discharged to a COVID-19 specialty facility. We are working closely with the Kitsap Public Health District and are following procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, as required to ensure we are meeting the recommended requirements for COVID-19 testing and management and adhering to infection control practices throughout our building,” said Lynette Landenburg, CEO of Martha & Mary.

Landenburg also noted that all of Martha & Mary's residents and staff have been notified so they may take further actions to protect themselves.

"We would like the community to be aware of our status and appreciate the prayers and kind words of support we have received from so many of our families, friends and colleagues," Landenburg said.



KPHD defines an outbreak as at least one person at a long-term care facility being confirmed to have the virus. When the facilities develop 10 or more cases they are publicly reported.

There have been over 90 cases of the coronavirus reported at long term care facilities in Kitsap County since March, but only three are reporting "active" outbreaks. KPHD defines "active" outbreaks as facility associated cases that have been identified in the last 28 days. Along with Martha and Mary there are 52 cases at Life Care Center in South Kitsap and the third facility does not have enough cases to publicly report.

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