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## For Immediate release

### Miami County Public Health to Provide COVID-19 Outbreak Update

**Miami County-** Miami County Public Health is issuing an update on the COVID-19 outbreak at Koester Pavilion. The update is as follows:

There are now 12 presumptive positive COVID-19 cases in Miami County.

Total number of individuals at Koester with symptoms:

Residents: 16

Staff: 24

Visitors: 2

Of those who have been tested, there are now 12 presumptive positives with the remaining tests still pending. Currently there are 5 individuals from Koester still hospitalized.

There have been 2 Koester Pavilion residents that have died. At this time COVID-19 tests results are still pending for these 2 individuals, therefore it cannot be confirmed that COVID-19 was the cause of death.

In the days and weeks ahead, the community can expect to see an increase in positive cases. This is due to test results becoming available and continued testing of those who are ill with COVID-19 symptoms. It is important to understand that this is expected and not cause for alarm. It is also important that everyone continue to follow safe social distancing practices, don't go out if unnecessary, washing your hands frequently with soap & water, staying home if you are sick & avoiding those who are sick. This will help slow the spread of the virus and help flatten the curve.

As new information becomes available, MCPH will be providing daily updates to keep the community informed of the evolving situation.

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