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With our youngest resident being 21, we are vastly different from the traditional long-term care facilities we usually get grouped with. EP!C operates our residential program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in small homes spread throughout Peoria and Tazewell Communities, ranging from four to eight residents, if at full capacity.

Early on EP!C took direction from IDHS, the CDC and local health departments to try and minimize exposure. For example, we have implemented protocols of staff working in 12-hour shifts and live-in models. Currently there is a caregiver crisis and adding COVID measures to that does put stress on our coverage availability.

The number of positive cases have been a mixture of both staff and residents. Some of the staff were tested outside of work as their spouses tested positive. Those staff members and any who would have been in contact with them were removed from the schedule and self-quarantined based on health department direction. Almost all our cases have been asymptomatic. All but one, who is stable, have recovered at home, in a matter of days, with no issue. While constant sanitation and health checks are administered throughout the day.

EP!C continues to partner with the aforementioned agencies to ensure the safety of individuals and staff during this time.

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