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# **Muscatine County Confirms Outbreak in a Long-Term Care Centers**

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Muscatine County Public Health have identified 6 cases with several pending tests of COVID-19 in a long-term care facility in Muscatine County. The cases include both staff and residents at Wilton Retirement Community. According to IDPH, an outbreak is when three or more cases of COVID-19 are identified among residents of a facility.

The facility has notified residents and their families, and consistent with IDPH guidelines, the affected residents are in isolation. Wilton Retirement Community staff are working closely with IDPH and Muscatine County Public Health to protect the health of their residents and staff, with additional testing of residents and staff as directed by IDPH.

“Protecting the health and wellbeing of the residents and staff is of the highest priority,” said Muscatine County Public Health Director Christy Roby Williams. “We know our older population is at the highest risk for serious COVID-19 illness, so we are monitoring the situation carefully and taking the highest precautions to prevent virus spread.”

As of today, April 15, 2020 in Muscatine County there are 133 total cases of COVID-19, 11 hospitalized, 2 deaths and 42 people have recovered. The Muscatine County Health Department continues to work closely with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), and other state and local partners to respond to this ongoing pandemic.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, including an interactive map with county, regional and long-term care outbreak information, visit <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>.

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