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**MEADOWLARK REPORTS COVID-19 ASSOCIATED DEATH**

MANHATTAN, KAN. – The Meadowlark family is deeply saddened to share a long-time resident passed away Wednesday, July 29. This is the first COVID-19 associated death as a result of the recent outbreak identified within Meadowlark, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Manhattan.

During this difficult time for family and Meadowlark caregivers, the organization thanks the Manhattan community for their continued support. Meadowlark leadership is pleased and appreciative to see members of our community utilizing masks when they are out in public. Mask usage will continue to aid in decreasing the number of positive results in Riley County each day.

Nursing home residents are at an incredibly high risk when faced with the novel coronavirus and the frailest of those are at the greatest risk. Other individuals who were positive in relation to the July 17 report have since tested negative and the individuals who displayed symptoms are improving.

The organization will continue to follow recommendations from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and local health officials to ensure best practices.