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**MEADOWLARK ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SATELLITE FACILITY**

MANHATTAN, KAN. – As of Thursday, Nov. 12, Meadowlark temporarily closed its Manhattan Home Plus location, Meadowlark Scenic House, located on Scenic Drive.

The healthcare system remains under intense staffing pressure due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation. Lonnie Baker, Meadowlark's CEO, said the temporary closing is necessary to address the health and safety of staff and residents. "Recruitment is tough," said Baker. "The increased staffing burden on our organization is significant. We anticipate an increase in local cases which has a very real potential to affect our caregiving staff."

Meadowlark is dedicated to its mission to provide high-quality and safe services to residents and community members, especially amid circumstances of a global pandemic.

"Our teams continue to request the public's support in the effort of caring for the wellbeing of our community's healthcare professionals and older adults," Baker said. "Please continue to practice recommended precautions including proper and frequent handwashing, social distancing, and consistent mask wearing."

Meadowlark is a local not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located in Manhattan, Kan. For more than 40 years, Meadowlark has met the community's needs and will continue to be a resource during this uncertain time.