

Statement from Memorial Healthcare Regarding COVID-19 Retesting

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Earlier this week, Memorial Healthcare had two days of COVID-19 testing that included 18 Shiawassee County residents with results that were communicated initially as positive. When initially tested, the range of results should have been described as inconclusive ranging toward the positive spectrum of results instead of positive. Given the sensitivity of the testing used, each of these results needed further evaluation, and the next day all 18 tests were re-performed with the original specimens. As a result of this confirmation testing, all but two of the original positive results were confirmed negative. Following these results, all recipients of these tests were contacted and offered a third test to be performed with new collection samples taken. As of today, 13 have again been confirmed to be negative with this second retest.

Memorial Healthcare's focus of having the highest sensitivity toward any potential positives being communicated as rapidly as possible drove this incident. Memorial Healthcare is committed to the highest level of quality and also the highest level of transparency.