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Skilled nursing facility in Riverside evacuated

More than 80 patients from a Riverside skilled nursing facility will be evacuated this morning to other healthcare locations throughout Riverside County. A total of 84 patients are being moved after employees of the facility did not show up to care for sick patients two days in a row.

For example, one certified nursing assistant of the 13 scheduled showed up to work at the Magnolia Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, which prompted Riverside University Health System and Kaiser Permanente to send a total of 33 licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses to care for the residents at the facility. Staffing demands, however, require the patients be moved today.

There are 34 known novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases found among the residents and five among employees. There are no pending test results for the approximate 90 bed facility.

The receiving skilled nursing facilities will undergo standard COVID-19 containment measures. This includes closing the facilities to new patients, limitations on staff to not work at other

facilities, the isolation of sick patients, and close monitoring of all patients by staff. All employees use personal protective equipment.

The number of total COVID-19 cases in Riverside County yesterday surpassed 1,000. The current total confirmed case count is 1,016, 28 deaths and 67 recoveries.

Rehabilitation facilities and nursing homes present a challenge for health officials due to the age and health conditions of the residents, as well as their close proximity to each other. The county prioritizes investigations in these facilities due to the high risk of serious illness that outbreaks pose.

County employees at the facility this morning notified family members of the evacuation. Family members may call (951) 358-5134 to check the status of their family member.

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