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**Surry County Health & Nutrition Center Reporting COVID-19 Outbreak at  
Long-term Care Facility**

**Dobson, NC—08/04/2020—** As of August 3, 2020, Surry County has 877 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 9 deaths associated with complications of COVID-19. Of these cases, 27 confirmed cases and 3 deaths are associated with PruittHealth, skilled nursing and rehabilitation center, located in Elkin, NC. The PruittHealth outbreak consists of cases among 12 staff members and 15 residents. The 3 associated deaths in this facility all involved residents in their eighties or nineties with underlying medical conditions. To protect patient privacy, no further information about the individuals who have tested positive will be shared.

According to PruittHealth, residents of the facility who have tested positive for COVID-19 have been isolated from others to stop further spread of the virus. PruittHealth has also implemented enhanced infection control protocols, including increasing cleaning frequency, postponing communal activities, ceasing visitation, screening staff and patients daily, and additional testing of staff and residents. Surry County Health and Nutrition Center will continue to closely monitor the situation and will remain in daily contact with the facility, and our partners at NC Department of Health and Human Services regarding this situation.

Surry County Health and Nutrition Center will continue to keep our residents updated and informed! We ask our communities to stay calm, stay informed, and remember the 3Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash.