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## **For Immediate Release**

### ***Seven Sundale-related COVID-19 cases have been diagnosed***

**MORGANTOWN, WV (March 24, 2020)** — As of mid-Monday afternoon, seven individuals related to Sundale Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care in Morgantown have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The West Virginia National Guard, under the direction of Gen. James A. Hoyer, continued to swab Sundale patients and employees on Tuesday.

“Monongalia County Health Department is working with staff at Sundale and additional testing is ongoing,” said Dr. Lee B. Smith, MCHD executive director and county health officer, who also expressed his appreciation for the help of the Guard as they worked with the Sundale community.

“Monongalia County Health Department wants to acknowledge the assistance of the West Virginia National Guard and Gen. Hoyer provided by allowing the Guardsman to participate in collection of the specimens,” Dr. Smith said.

As of March 23, West Virginia had 20 positive COVID-19 cases and 610 negative results, according to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources’ website, <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>. The total of 20 only includes one Sundale-related case and also does not include two cases that were announced Monday evening by the Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department.

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