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Salt Lake County has identified ten positive cases of COVID-19 in clients staying at the Midvale Family Resource Center after 140 guests were tested on Thursday, May 7. Those ten cases occurred in seven different families. The guests who tested positive and their families have been relocated to one of the county's quarantine and isolation facilities. 56 staff members were also tested, with three positives. As of right now, no new clients are being accepted into the center. Salt Lake County and partners are working with the Salt Lake County Health Department to allow new families as soon as it is responsible to do so.

Months of enhanced procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in this congregant living setting delayed positive cases for as long as possible. Those procedures included extra cleaning, further separation inside the resource center, tents set up outside the facility to encourage social distancing during the day, encouraging both staff and clients to wear face masks, and daily screenings for fever and other symptoms, followed by testing, as needed.

Expanded testing also continues at other Homeless Resource Centers in the county. No further information is currently available. We will not be conducting interviews about Midvale Family Resource Center at this time. As always, we ask that you please respect the privacy of the clients.

Thanks so much.

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