

A **52 year old female** employee contracted **COVID-19** while working as a night shift LPN charge nurse at an assisted living facility. The victim oversaw CNAs and medicine passes each night from 11PM to 7AM, Monday through Friday. The victim cared for approximately 25 residents.

Interviews and documentation provided by the employer indicated that a N95, face shield, gloves, and safety glasses were required when working. The victim worked closely with one other employee on her wing. She worked on Station 1, but not work on Station 2, which is the COVID-19 unit.

The employer implemented measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with CDC guidelines. The employer maintained COVID-19 screening questionnaire, temperature checks, and social distancing procedures. The employer required the employees to wear respirators, face shields, safety glasses or goggles, at all times, and provided hand sanitizer at every entrance and along the hallway walls. The employer maintained six (6) feet social distancing was enforced through memorandums, signage within the facility, and markings on the floor. The employer's PPE policy was appropriate for COVID-19. The employer changed their protocols each time a new CDC guideline was released.

On 12/29/2020, COVID testing results identified COVID- positive cases within the facility including two employees and sixteen residents. The employer acknowledged that the victim came into contact with three asymptomatic, COVID-positive residents. The victim exhibited symptoms on 01/04/2021; correspondingly, she would have been exposed to the coronavirus 12/21/2021 to 01/02/2021.

The victim died on 1/13/21 due to a case of COVID-19 that was work-related.

No violation of TOSHA standards was found.

**Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

No citations were issued.

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