



Legacy Lodge to Discontinue Assisted Living Services

The COVID pandemic impacts combined with Jackson's small market size have resulted in a painful decision for the Legacy Lodge team and the local residents who live there. Nye Health Services announces that the assisted living campus will close on March 31, 2021. "It has been a very tough decision. This is a first for me, to have to close one of our campuses, and I have to be honest, it's painful. The impact on our residents and their families is significant and we have 36 dedicated team members, too," said Russ Peterson, CEO of Nye Health Services. "This campus has been serving Jackson Hole seniors and their families for over 15 years, and during our years of involvement we have loved being part of the community and these families. But the truth is, with about half of our apartments empty, we just can't sustain our services."

The struggle for occupancy has been an on-going challenge for many years, which has led Peterson to the conclusion that the assisted living need in the Jackson area is not deep enough to sustain Legacy Lodge. Only 36 of the 57 apartments are currently in use.

Legacy residents and their families are the top priority for Peterson and the Nye team, and they will work directly with families to transition residents to other offerings. The second priority of the Nye team is to help their 36 team members find work in local healthcare settings or at one of Nye's other campuses. "These employees are like family to the residents, and to us. Thanks to insightful and compassionate leadership at St. John's Health, we are exploring very good options to transition some of our residents and employees to the Living Center and ultimately Sage Living. We are grateful they have shown such interest in helping smooth the transition for as many folks as possible."

"While St. John's Health does not offer assisted living services, we look forward to exploring how Legacy Lodge residents who may be candidates for long term care and residential memory support programs could be welcomed at the Living Center and ultimately the new Sage Living," said Paul Beaupre, St. John's Health CEO, who oversaw the successful community campaign and ultimately construction of Sage Living, the skilled nursing and memory care facility slated for opening in August of 2021.

Nye Health Services started its involvement with what was called River Rock Assisted Living in 2012 with a minority ownership stake. Over the next several years, their involvement grew to full ownership and management in 2017.

There are no specific plans for the future of the building but Nye's intent is to find an alternative use that will benefit the Jackson area community.

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