

VIOLATIONS AT FVRMC

FAILURE OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS/GOVERNING BODY TO:

“Ensure an effective, active hospital-wide infection control program for the prevention, control, and investigation of infections and communicable diseases, including COVID-19.”

The report concluded that “the cumulative effect of these systemic practices resulted in the failure of the hospital’s Governing Board to ensure the provision of quality healthcare in a safe manner.”

FAILURE OF HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND STAFF:

- These failures placed **patients at risk for “cross contamination” and “for the non-COVID patients to be exposed to the COVID-19 positive patients.”**
- **Multiple failures in infection control standards, on the Pulmonary and Telemetry units as well as the Definitive Observation Unit (DOU), Pediatric unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), and Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU).**
- “The hospital failed to provide the dedicated nursing staff to the COVID-19 positive patients that required isolation for a highly infectious disease. **This failure had the potential to spread this infectious disease to other patients and staff.**”
- **Failed to assign dedicated care teams to provide care to suspected and COVID-19 positive patients.**
- **Both patients under investigation (PUIs) and COVID-19 positive patients were placed on these units in a way that put non-infected patients at risk for infection.**
- **A COVID-19 patient was placed on the OB/GYN unit where pregnant women receive care.**
- **A PUI patient on the Oncology unit where immunocompromised patients undergo chemotherapy.**
- **Staff had to care for both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients simultaneously.**
- **Inconsistent and incomplete use of Patient Room log forms to record which employees enter COVID-19 patient rooms**
- **Failure to ensure infection control surveillance tools were used to collect accurate data.**
- **Failure to provide separate break rooms and restrooms to staff assigned to COVID patients**
- **Failure to ensure hand hygiene was practiced by physicians after caring for patients.**

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