

Exclusive:

Raanana nursing home evacuates residents amid post-vaccine outbreak; one dead

Tzimmerman Nursing Home maintained zero infections among residents for 10 months; ‘about 30’ test COVID positive after vaccine.

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4-5 Magen David Adom vehicles this Shabbat arrived at the Tzimmerman Nursing Home in Ra’anana to evacuate “about thirty” residents to hospital, a source inside the nursing home confirmed to *Arutz Sheva*. Another evacuation took place on Monday.

Ichilov Hospital coronavirus ward nurse Yair Rosenhaft, annexed to the nursing home where he previously worked, told *Arutz Sheva* that the institution had maintained zero infections among the residents for the ten months of COVID outbreak restrictions. About two weeks ago, the nursing home began vaccinating residents for COVID-19 and subsequently an outbreak was identified.

After “about thirty” residents tested COVID-19 positive, Rosenhaft was contacted by the nursing home and asked to return to help with the “crisis”. One of the residents who was evacuated to Internal COVID Ward C at Meir Kfar Saba Hospital, Natalyo Bendelman, has died, his daughter confirmed to *Arutz Sheva*.

A source inside the nursing home denied a connection between the vaccination and outbreak, telling *Arutz Sheva*, “They were infected despite the vaccine, not because of the vaccine.”

The nursing home Director was unavailable for comment.

The Health Ministry maintains a section on its Hebrew website dedicated to the “Magen Avot” senior citizen’s component of its COVID-19 program. The section includes a morbidity/mortality tracker with statistics from nursing homes nationwide.

The tracker had been faithfully updated until December 30th, after which date no further morbidity/mortality data are offered. The date coincides with the commencement of the vaccination program.

Arutz Sheva contacted the Health Ministry for comment on the outbreak, report of a death, and the morbidity/mortality tracker. The Ministry replied: "Beit Tzimmerman is under the responsibility and supervision of the Welfare Ministry and therefore they should be contacted for a response."

The Welfare Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Meanwhile, 24 are dead and 137 infected in a New York nursing home after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Previously, the nursing home had zero COVID deaths.

24 residents of the Commons on St. Anthony nursing home in Auburn, New York in Cayuga County have died over a period of less than two weeks since December 29. Such deaths are reported to have occurred only after residents began receiving COVID vaccinations.

Syracuse.com originally reported that the outbreak occurred seven days after the nursing home began administering COVID-19 vaccinations to residents, with 80 percent of residents so far having been vaccinated. However, hours after posting the original article, the outlet redacted mention of the vaccines preceding the outbreak.

Answering a query by *Arutz Sheva*, article author Jim Mulder said "the first resident of the nursing home tested positive Dec. 16. An outbreak involving more patients was confirmed Dec. 21."

Mulder said that the Ron Paul Institute picked up his story "and suggested without any evidence that the COVID-19 vaccination" killed the residents. "The nursing home has refuted the Ron Paul Institute's assumption the deaths were caused by vaccination," Mulder said.

The New York nursing home reportedly performed more vaccinations on January 12th.