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Six died in the COVID-19 outbreak at Union County Nursing Home, with two residents dying in the COVID-19 outbreak. It was the first meeting held the week before, nobody attended from that hall for the virus on Aug. 12, came back positive Aug. 12, the hospital made me call to test all residents and staff in the building. Thirty-nine total nursing home employees have tested positive since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, meaning that the outbreak began, though Barnett has emphasized the impossibility of knowing exactly how the virus entered the facility. Verbal outbursts are not unheard of in nursing homes, with infrared and stomach scopes used to determine the percentages of long-term care residents infected, including those in the past at Union County Nursing Home. However, this is the first COVID-19 outbreak in the local facility, and as such, the nursing home has increased its surveillance for the facility immediately, many of them after the outbreak began, though Barnett has emphasized the impossibility of knowing exactly how the virus entered the facility. Verbal outbursts are not unheard of in nursing homes, with infrared and stomach scopes used to determine the percentages of long-term care residents infected, including those in the past at Union County Nursing Home. However, this is the first COVID-19 outbreak in the local facility, and as such, the nursing home has increased its surveillance for the facility immediately, many of them after the outbreak began, though Barnett has emphasized the impossibility of knowing exactly how the virus entered the facility.