

UPDATE to visitation schedule. LSS The Good Shepherd, and all other skilled nursing facilities, are being inundated every day with new information, directives and orders coming, not only from the local health officials, but also state and federal representatives. We're diligently reviewing these changes and evolving our own policies as necessary. We apologize for any confusion this is causing. To that end, we have another update regarding our ability to have indoor visitation beginning Monday, October 12. While we will always consider what is happening from the state's perspective in our county and surrounding counties, we have now received direction to begin predominantly considering the federal "county" positivity rates when determining if we should continue visitation. What this means is that we are not required to restrict visitation if Ashland County is "red" or "purple" on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System; however, TGS has decided if Ashland County should become a "purple" county on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, all visitation will pause until the status of the county returns to red, orange or yellow. Additionally, if the county is at a positivity rate of 10% or higher, visitation will be restricted until that rate returns to below the 10% threshold. Please understand, there are many other factors that effect this decision, including but not limited to whether we have positive cases in our building (WE CURRENTLY DO NOT), PPE availability, hospital capacity, and a host of other things. With this latest guidance, simply put, what this means is that we can open indoor visitation beginning Monday, October 12!

**Updated (on 10/5/20) County Positivity rate: September 17th - September 30th is 4.8%
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TRAVEL ADVISORY--We are also required to restrict visitation for those that have traveled (or been in close contact with someone who has traveled), within the last two weeks prior to your visit, to any of the states currently under the COVID-19 Ohio travel advisory. The list is based on states reporting a positive testing rates of 15% or higher. The list is updated weekly, every Wednesday. **Current list of states: South Dakota, Idaho, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Wyoming.**

Indoor visitation plans:

- Indoor visitation must be scheduled in advance.
- Call Lorie White, 419-289-3523 ext. 5143 to set a day/time.
- We will use the Manor House for all indoor visitation.
- No visitation will occur if Ashland county is "purple" under the [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#) or the federal positivity rate is at 10% or greater to cease visitation.
- Visitors will need to use facility-supplied facemasks instead of cloth face coverings.
- The number of visitors will be limited to two at a time.
- No age limitation, anyone visiting must practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Indoor visitation schedule for October 12 through November 1:

- Monday through Friday: 10a-12p and 2p-4p

Indoor visitation extended options for October 12 through November 1:

- October 13th 4p-5p

- October 15th 4p-6p
- October 17th 6:30p-8:30p
- October 18th 10a-12p
- October 20th 4p-5p
- October 24th 6:30p-8:30p
- October 25th 2p-4p
- October 27th 4p-5p
- November 1st 10a-12p