

COVID Safety at The Good Shepherd



At LSS The Good Shepherd, the safety of our residents is top priority.

That's why we've instituted all CDC and local health department guidelines, as well as gone beyond by investing in facility air filtration units.

The battle against COVID-19 requires vigilance on many fronts, and we maintain these protocols in efforts to keep our community members as safe as possible during the pandemic.

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- A minimum of weekly testing for staff and symptomatic residents.
- All residents have daily wellness checks, including temperature and oxygen level checks, by our nursing staff.
- All staff wear masks, face shields and other appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during resident care.
- All residents wear masks in common areas.
- Social distance is maintained during all activities and dining, including socially distanced assigned seating for each meal service.
- Consistent and frequent hand washing and sanitizing for staff and residents; hand sanitizing stations are located in each resident room and have been added throughout the building.
- Installation of ionization air filtration units that reduce airborne pathogens, including viruses, bacteria, mold and odors.
- Continual education for staff and residents on symptoms, proper protocol and social distancing guidelines.
- Staff enter and exit the building through two main entrances and have their temperature checked and logged before the start of their shift.
- Those who have tested positive and are exhibiting symptoms must isolate for 10 days. Those who have been in close contact with a positive individual must isolate for 14 days.
- New residents to the community are quarantined for 14 days and monitored daily by nursing staff.
- All common spaces and surfaces, including the reception desk, nurses' stations and family visitation area, are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized on a designated schedule and logged per state guidelines. This includes knobs, fixtures, elevators and elevator buttons, tables, chairs, countertops, pens and handrails.
- Dining room tables and chairs are disinfected between each resident seating and between meal services.
- Socially distanced and limited family visitation in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines.
- Close and ongoing collaboration with the Ashland County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health on adherence to safety procedures and other guidance.