

Welcome Nursing Home

Mitigation Efforts to Prevent the Acquisition

& Spread of COVID-19

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Given the high risk to the population that we serve, we have adopted a number of measures designed to protect our residents and staff. These include but are not limited to:

Restricted visitation policy

Enhanced health screening of residents, staff, contractors and any essential service provider entering the building

Restricted Facility Entrances by utilizing our Secure Care system to minimize access and ensure screening is complete

Modified supply deliveries to promote no contact drop offs

Quarantine residents with symptoms

Quarantine residents or who are coming into the facility from an outside setting for 14 days

Modified Employee Sick Policy including sending staff home to quarantine if they become symptomatic

Modify Group Dining and Resident Activities:

Encourage residents to practice social distancing and remain in their rooms

Provide additional technology for access to family, friends and Healthcare Practitioners

Created mobile Sweet Shoppe Cart to provide access to Gift Shop favorites

Implemented telehealth medicine options to minimize the number of health care professionals required to enter the building, as well as decrease the need for residents to leave the facility for outside appointments

Utilize Smoke/Fire Doors to promote designated Care Sections and provide reminders that we are to be Socially Distancing

Reassigned Staff Responsibilities to limit the number of Staff who have resident responsibilities on both the East and West Side (Restorative Nursing, Activities, Housekeeping)

Personal Protective Equipment Implementation:

Universal Face Covering Policy for all staff and residents

Direct Care Staff wear Shields or Eye Coverings when indicated

Provide laundry services for Employee Uniforms if requested

Use of higher-level PPE when indicated

Modified Employee meetings, break times and meal times to promote social distancing

Minimize the number of Employees leaving the grounds once their shift has begun

Modified Facility Disinfecting Practices and Schedules for Environmental Services with additional assistance provided by Resident Assistants and Maintenance departments

Implementation of Clean Air Practices:

-Indoor ionization system was added to our HVAC and MAU rooftop units

-WellAir Air Disinfection Plasma Technology system that is mobile

Promote ongoing education through regular Employee Updates, Webinars, Competencies, Video Instruction and Directives

Welcome also considers other measures and guidance from federal agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), CMS and ODH on an ongoing basis. We are continually updating and reassessing our procedures to ensure they provide the highest level of infection control protection while balancing the psychosocial and physical well-being of our residents.

Participate in Mandatory Staff testing as directed by Ohio Department of Health

Offer Point of Care testing for Residents, Employees and Contractors