

David Deitz WPSD Interview 4.15.20

- We are following all of the health department's recommendations. We are in communication with the health department daily and participate in a daily call with the Graves County Healthcare Coalition.
- We screen all staff prior to entering the facility for their shift, and again upon completion of their shift.
- Staff are also wearing masks at all times.
- Our staff and residents are practicing social distancing in every area of the facility.
- Visitation is restricted at this time, and because of this we are offering alternative forms of communication for our residents, like Facetime and Skype calls.
- We have also restricted communal dining and resident group activities, but continue to provide a variety of in-room activities.
- We are completing COVID-19 specific assessments on all resident on every shift.
- Our isolation area is on a separate wing, with consistent staffing, to minimize exposure.
- We are providing staff with all PPE needed, and have educated staff on proper infection control practices for work and home.
- All staff are Infection Specialist Certified after completing infection control specialist training.
- We have increased our sanitation stations, along with enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures in all areas.
- In addition, we are following all federal and state regulations, along with CDC and health department guidelines.
- At this time we are blessed with enough staff to cover all shifts. We know this could change from one day to the next. We have been instructed on how to reach out to the state, and if needed, we will absolutely utilize those resources.
- We were surveyed last week by the Office of the Inspector General and they detected no deficient practices in our infection prevention program.
- Families are so supportive and understanding. Staff are determined to get through this and I am so proud of them. All of our managers are working non-stop and our company has been very supportive. We are working hand in hand with the Health Department.

Thank you,

David Deitz, Administrator