



Deutsches Altenheim continues to do everything we can to protect the health and safety of our residents and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19. We strictly follow all MA DPH, CDC, EOE, and other state and federal regulations to maintain effective infection control. These measures include but are not limited to:

- A vaccine mandate for all employees and strongly promoting vaccinations for our residents
- Daily monitoring and screening of residents and staff for signs of an infection including several temperature checks throughout the day
- A family visitation policy that allows in-person visits with strict infection control procedures only for residents who have never been infected or have recovered from COVID-19
- Universal mask protocol for all staff while working in the facility
- Additional staff training and audits to ensure compliance with infection control practices
- Regular evaluation of air quality and maintenance of ventilation systems in all buildings
- Extra stockpiles of PPE to ensure adequate supply is on hand
- Acceptance of new admissions only after testing negative for COVID-19 and quarantining and testing them again once admitted
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection of common areas and spaces

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply and usage are monitored daily. We have a standard process for procuring our own PPE and have a stable source of at least 2 weeks of PPE supply across all PPE items including facemasks, respirators, gowns, gloves, and eye protection.

Testing

Broad scale testing continues for all our residents and staff in each facility and is an important component of our strategy to protect the health and safety of our residents and staff. Residents who test positive, regardless of symptoms, are quarantined and cared for by a separate and dedicated team in an isolation unit or a private apartment. All employees who test positive are quarantined at home for a minimum of 5 days. They must receive a negative test and be without symptoms before returning to work in accordance with DPH guidelines. The numbers below represent the current impact of COVID-19 in our residences.

Facility	# of In House Residents who are Positive	# of Employees Out Due to COVID-19
Assisted Living Residences		
Edelweiss Village	0	0
Skilled Nursing Facilities		
German Centre for Extended Care	2	2