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Jefferson's Ferry Installs Air Purification System as an Added Infection Control Measure to Fight COVID-19

SOUTH SETAUKET, NY - Jefferson's Ferry life plan community on Long Island recently completed the installation of 15 iWave air purification systems into select HVAC units as an added infection control measure against the spread of the coronavirus, according to Chris Adamo, the community's vice president of hospitality.

The HVAC units are located on the rooftops of independent living buildings and used to service communal areas, including the dining room and pub, the art room, the library and fitness center, and other areas where residents may gather. The air purification system works by using positive and negative ions to break down pathogens, including bacteria, mold, and viruses; it also reduces allergens and controls odors.

According to Adamo, this patented technology is reported to fight many types of coronavirus as it does other harmful air contaminants. When used in combination with other technologies and protocols, the system, he said, helps improve the quality of air for residents and staff.

The installation is the latest in Jefferson's Ferry effort to research and institute new options to enhance safety and well being in the community, according to Adamo.

Several years ago, Jefferson's Ferry began using an electrostatic magnetic gun to spray a mist of disinfectant on banisters, doorknobs, elevators doors and buttons, desks, tables, and other high-touch surfaces. This process has occurred nightly since the start of the pandemic, said Adamo. In addition, housekeeping has increased cleaning and disinfecting the common areas from two-to-three times a week to three times a day.

Jefferson's Ferry has a dedicated full-time staff of certified and licensed professionals, including a plumber, HVAC technician and electrician, to manage the facilities at the 488,000 square feet of buildings and provide individual maintenance service to residents.

Adamo said this team is "behind the scenes, always looking for ways to better the community and protect residents. Residents trust us," he said, "and I'm proud of how our community has managed during the pandemic."

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There are more visible signs of infection control protocols and safety guidelines in place at Jefferson's Ferry. Green Xs on the floor make social distancing requirements easy for residents to follow and health screenings for essential visitors remain in place.

Wellness and exercise classes, programs and outdoor activities are resuming with added safety measures in place, including a limit on the number of participants to assure social distancing and additional cleaning and sanitizing between gatherings.

According to Jefferson's Ferry CEO Bob Caulfield, the community will continue to gradually re-open, with "our primary focus remaining on the safety and health of residents and staff."

About Jefferson's Ferry

Located along Long Island's north shore at One Jefferson Ferry Drive, South Setauket, NY, Jefferson's Ferry is a nonprofit life plan community for active adults age 62 and above. The community offers independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services on-site, along with programs, services, and amenities designed to enhance resident life through health/wellness activities, lifelong learning, the arts and music, spiritual development and social opportunities. Jefferson's Ferry has been consistently named "Best Retirement Community" and "Best Assisted Living" on Long Island by the "Bethpage Best of Long Island," the annual awards program sponsored by the Long Island Press. For more information, visit <https://www.jeffersonsferry.org> or call (631) 253-8585.