State officials learned early in the pandemic that those living in long-term care facilities were not only at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19 but also for having adverse outcomes. Governor Parson, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and other partners have worked continuously to protect the health and safety of these vulnerable Missourians.

**LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

- Provided **over $1.2 million** for comprehensive testing
- Provided **more than $7.5 million** for COVID-19 needs including PPE, staffing, and equipment
- Conducted **more than 1,200** on-site infection control audits
- Assisted more than **750 facilities** with testing, PPE, supplies, and staffing
- Issued guidelines to help limit the spread of infection in facilities
- Issued reopening and staff testing guidance in accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Ordered facilities to report a positive test result within 24 hours
- Supported implementation of the “box-in” testing strategy in **708 facilities**
- Assisted with more than **265,000 COVID-19 tests**