

January 7th, 2022

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Resident Testing: We are thrilled to announced that we have successfully completed four days of Resident testing without identifying a new case. This is amazing news considering how transmissible the circulating Covid-19 variants are proving to be.

Hamilton County's positivity rate: Increased to 19.09% through the week of 12/28. This is a 6.77% increase over last week's reported positivity rate through 12/21. It is very likely that everyone reading this update knows someone or a handful of people recently diagnosed with Covid-19. When the positivity rate is this high, the potential for internal spread within the facility is likely. The actions people make in their personal lives impacts the wellbeing and operations of this facility. We hope that everyone who enters the facility does all that they possibly can to protect themselves for contracting covid-19 as it has a direct impact on The Beechwood Home.

Drop Off Tables: During this time when visitation is not recommended due to an internal spread of Covid-19 within the facility, the Activities Department will resume delivering items dropped off by family/friends for Residents to their rooms. Once we reach day 15 of the testing protocol, this service will no longer be available, and family/friends will be expected to take personal items for Residents up to their room themselves again.

Request for your Understanding: Like the rest of America, The Beechwood Home is impacted by staff members currently on medical leave due to contracting Covid-19. Similar to isolation guidance for the general public, isolation guidelines for medical workers have been updated by the CDC to mirror medical knowledge of Covid-19 and get staff back to work sooner. Our Covid-19 committee recently adopted a shorter isolation period for staff with no symptoms and with proof of a negative covid-19 test to return to work three days sooner. Resident Care is always the essential focus of the facility however we recognize that our staff goes above and beyond in many ways each and every day for our Residents. During these strained times, we ask for your understanding if our staff may not be able to help complete non-essential tasks for Residents.

Vaccine Clinic: Our next vaccine clinic will be held on Tuesday January 18th from 08:30 to 09:30. Moderna and Pfizer boosters will be available. Anyone starting a Covid vaccination series will have Moderna administered.

Timeline for Returning to New Normal: Any subsequent positive resident test will reset the timeline to day 0.

Day 1-5 from last known Resident positive result: daily testing of Residents. Residents separated by floor with alternating outdoor access. No group activities. 1st floor dining room closed.

Day 6-14 from last known Resident positive result: Testing of Residents will transition to every 3 days. Residents separated by floor with alternating outdoor access. No group activities. 1st floor dining room closed.

Day 15 from last known Resident positive result: comingling of Resident by floor, 1st floor dining room open and 1st floor Activities resume. Internal spread outbreak of Covid-19 concluded. Risk of visitors contracting covid-19 while within the facility has passed.

We test anyone with signs and symptoms of a respiratory illness at any time regardless of outbreak testing schedule.

As always, if you have any questions please contact Heather Hefren hhefren@beechwoodhome.com (Director of Social Services), Scot Harmon sharmon@beechwoodhome.com (Administrator) and/or Patricia Clark pclark@beechwoodhome.com (CEO).

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