



## January 8, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

### **Happy New Year Everyone!**

- I think it is safe to say that everyone hopes 2021 brings a sense of normalcy to our lives and the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine is certainly a leap in the right direction. Unfortunately, the caseload in the community remains high and many of you may now know someone who has contracted the virus. We want to reiterate how important it is to continue to wear a facial covering, practice social distancing and frequently wash your hands. Together we can reduce the pressure that the virus currently has on our community.

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive cases of COVID-19 within our resident population.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination:**

- Our tentative dates have not been confirmed by CVS to date.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Clinic – Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p (Round 1/Step 1)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Clinic – Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p (Round 1/Step 2 & Round 2/Step 1)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinic – Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p (Round 2/Step 2)
- **We recently received the consent and safety data sheets from CVS. Please see attached images and/or our website for viewing if desired. <https://www.beechwoodhome.com/covid19> We have included safety data sheets for both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as we have not received confirmation as to which vaccine will be available to the facility.**
- We want to emphasize that administration of this vaccine is voluntary however please be aware that once these three clinics have occurred, there may not be another opportunity to receive the vaccine until it is made available to additional groups that an individual may qualify for.
- In addition to consulting with a Neurologist regarding the safety of the vaccine, please be aware that Dr. Huschart (Medical Director) and Dr. Stiens (Pharmacist) are available to answer any questions you may have about the vaccine.

### **Help Keep Us Covid Free**

- If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or an upper respiratory infection, please stay away from the facility. For family/friends, delay any personal item drop offs until you are symptom free. For staff, inform a supervisor if you become symptomatic while at work immediately or if you wake up with symptoms please call the Supervisor and do not come into work until we have had the opportunity to perform a covid-19 test.

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Hamilton County's positivity rate has **rose** to 16.4%. This is a .4% increase since last week's update and the county remains 'Red'. We can resume this program when percentage falls below 10%.

**Outside Food Delivery Opportunity on Wednesdays:** If a Resident or family/friend places an order, please email Scot ([sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com)) and Megan ([mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com)) by 3:00 PM on Tuesday with the Resident name, restaurant or delivery app name, and estimated delivery time so we can anticipate the orders arriving and ensure staff are available to collect/deliver in a timely manner. **It is imperative that when you are placing your order that the delivery is to be taken to the BACK ENTRANCE of the facility. We will not accept any deliveries in the front of the building.**



## SPECIAL UPDATE: January 8, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

CVS reached out to us this afternoon indicating that our first round of vaccination will **NOW** occur on **Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**. They will be administering the **Pfizer vaccine** to consenting Residents and Staff.

Nursing will be meetings with Residents who are able to make decisions for themselves to review the fact sheet and complete the consent form.

Nursing will also be reaching out to the Responsible Party for those who make decisions on behalf of a Resident to review the fact sheet, consent form and obtain a verbal consent.

Human Resources and Tim W. have the fact sheet and consent forms available to be completed by staff.

For anyone who previously indicated that they were NOT INTERESTED or MAYBE INTERESTED and now ARE INTERESTED please let Tim W know ASAP so that we can give CVS an accurate count prior to their visit, ensuring that everyone who wants to get vaccinated has the opportunity to do so.

Those who receive the vaccine will be monitored for 15 minutes post administration for signs and symptoms of an adverse reaction. CVS and The Beechwood Home will have epi-pens on site for use if needed however an adverse allergic reaction to the Pfizer vaccine is extremely rare.

As always if you have any questions/comments/concerns please contact myself, Scot Harmon (Administrator) or Patricia Clark (CEO).

**Heather Hefren MSW, LSW**  
Director of Social Services  
M: 513-702-8301



01/11/2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:

We are reporting one (1) additional staff member who has tested positive. This brings our total active cases to one (1). The facility has had cumulative total of nineteen (19) confirmed Covid-19 tests associated with the facility to date. The staff member has been placed on medical leave and removed from the schedule upon notification to minimize exposure risk to other Residents/Staff and will remain on medical leave until a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

Action Plan.

Our action plan will remain unchanged since this staff member has not worked a shift since the week of 12/27/2020 and all Residents tested negative on 1/4/2021 as part of our previous action plan.

Contact us with questions.

We know that this pandemic is particularly challenging for you. We empathize with your feelings of separation and vulnerability, and we want to thank you for your ongoing support and trust. If you have any questions about COVID-19 or the steps that we are taking to protect our residents, please contact Scot Harmon, Administrator, at 513-842-0774, [sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com).

Sincerely,  
Scot Harmon,  
Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM  
CEO, Administrator



1/13/2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:

We are reporting one (1) additional staff member who has tested positive. This brings our total active cases to two (2). The facility has had cumulative total of twenty (20) confirmed Covid-19 tests associated with the facility to date. The staff member has been placed on medical leave and removed from the schedule upon notification to minimize exposure risk to other Residents/Staff and will remain on medical leave until a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

Action Plan.

Our revised action plan will mirror state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were rapid tested this morning. **We're happy to report that all results were negative.** We will test all residents again next week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert back to testing of staff only. The staff will continue to be tested twice a week until Hamilton County's positivity rate falls below 10%. The Nursing Department will communicate with any identified residents and their responsible parties. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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Sincerely,  
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Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM  
CEO, Administrator

January 16, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:**

We are reporting two (2) additional staff members who have tested positive. This brings our total active cases to five (5). The facility has had cumulative total of twenty-three (23) confirmed Covid-19 tests associated with the facility to date. The staff members have been placed on medical leave and removed from the schedule upon notification to minimize exposure risk to other Residents/Staff and will remain on medical leave until a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

**Action Plan.**

Our revised action plan will mirror state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were rapid tested this morning. **We're happy to report that all results were negative.** We will test all residents again next week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert back to testing of staff only. The staff will continue to be tested twice a week until Hamilton County's positivity rate falls below 10%. The Nursing Department will communicate with any identified residents and their responsible parties. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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## January 22, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive Resident cases of COVID-19.

**Facial Coverings:** **Your face mask always needs to cover your nose and mouth.** Mask slipping appears to be a very common problem people experience. With multiple variants of Covid-19 potentially being 50% more contagious than the original strain, ensuring your nose and mouth are covered is more important than ever. Please be aware of how your mask is fitting and reposition as soon as possible if needed.

### **Vaccine Clinic:**

~Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Clinic will be on Tuesday, February 2nd from 11 AM-3:30 PM (Round 1/Step 2 & Round 2/Step 1)

~Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinic will be on Tuesday, February 23rd from 11 AM-3:30 PM (Round 2/Step 2).

**\*It is critically important that everyone recognize that nobody can start a Covid-19 vaccination series during the 3<sup>rd</sup> clinic.**

### **Ohio Public Health Advisory System:**

Hamilton County remains “purple”. This indicates “Level 4 Public Emergency: severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services.” See <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/> for more information.

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Hamilton County’s positivity rate has **declined** to 18.0%. This is a 1% decrease since last week’s update and the county remains ‘Red’ per CMS’ rating system. We can resume this program when percentage falls below 10%.

### **Vaccinated Individuals Must Continue to Adhere to All Covid-19 Precautions**

It is critically important that those who have been vaccinated continue to take all infection control measures. Until herd immunity is reached, vaccinated individuals may still be able to spread the virus and cause severe illness to those who have not been vaccinated.

### **Help Keep Us Covid-19 Free**

-If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or an upper respiratory infection, please stay away from the facility.

**Outside Food Delivery Opportunity on Wednesdays:** Please email Scot ([sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com)) and Megan ([mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com)) by 3:00 PM on Tuesday with the Resident name, restaurant or delivery app name, and estimated delivery time. **We will not accept any deliveries in the front of the building.**

As always if you have any questions/comments/concerns please contact Heather Hefren (Director of Social Services), Scot Harmon (Administrator) or Patricia Clark (CEO).

Sincerely,

Scot Harmon,  
Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM  
CEO, Administrator





1/25/2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:

We are reporting two (2) additional staff members who have tested positive. This brings our total active cases to four (4). The facility has had cumulative total of twenty-five (25) confirmed Covid-19 tests associated with the facility to date. The staff members have been placed on medical leave and removed from the schedule upon notification to minimize exposure risk to other Residents/Staff and will remain on medical leave until a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

Action Plan.

Our revised action plan will mirror state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents will be tested this morning. We will test all residents again next week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert back to testing of staff only. The staff will continue to be tested twice a week until Hamilton County's positivity rate falls below 10%. The Nursing Department will communicate with any identified residents and their responsible parties. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

Contact us with questions.

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CEO, Administrator

Special Update 1/26/21

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

✨ We are happy to report that all Resident Covid-19 tests completed yesterday, as part of our action plan, have come back negative.

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





## January 29, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive Resident cases of COVID-19.

**Isolation Measures:** The CDC continues to recommend that Residents be quarantined for out of facility exposure, despite possible vaccination. Currently for a Resident who leaves and returns to the facility on the same day, there is a seven-day quarantine with negative covid-19 swab. For Residents who are out of the facility overnight, there is a fourteen-day quarantine upon return. We will continue to monitor and communicate changes to CDC recommendations as appropriate.

**Resident Separation by Floor:** This is the only self-imposed measure in place with the goal to limit a potential outbreak in the facility. The Covid-19 Committee met this week and determined that due to the unknown implications of the various covid-19 variants, this measure would remain in place. Please know that the facility has also made a determined effort to limit staff movement within the facility during the pandemic.

### **Vaccine Clinic:**

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~Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinic will be on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 AM-3:30 PM (Round 2/Step 2).

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**Ohio Public Health Advisory System:** Hamilton County is now “red”. This indicates “Level 3 Public Emergency: very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible”. See <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/> for more information.

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Hamilton County’s positivity rate has **declined** to 15.6%. This is a 2.4% decrease since last week’s update and the county remains ‘Red’ per CMS’ rating system. We can resume this program when percentage falls below 10%. <https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data-Test-Positivity-Rates/q5r5-gjyu/>

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