

June 4, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Covid-19 Status: We have had no known positive resident cases of COVID-19!

<u>Stimulus Checks</u>: Three rounds of stimulus checks have been distributed by the federal government totaling \$3,200 to date. A majority of our residents received \$1,200 (May 2020), \$600 (January 2021) and \$1,400 (April 2021). For the purposes of Medicaid eligibility, the stimulus checks individually do not count as income for a year. As a result, the grace period for the first stimulus check has now expired. If after taking all of your liquid assets and subtracting \$2,000 (\$600 + \$1400), the amount exceeds \$2,000 you are in jeopardy of losing your Medicaid coverage. Please take steps to spend down ASAP.

<u>Hamilton County's positivity rate</u>: has declined at 3.0%. The visitation program can continue if the positivity rate remains below 10%.

<u>Help Keep Us Covid Free:</u> If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or an upper respiratory infection, please stay away from the facility.

<u>Scheduled In-Room Visitation</u> Please e-mail <u>melder@beechwoodhome.com</u> to request a visitation opportunity.

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

Scot Harmon, Administrator



June 11, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Covid-19 Status: We have had no known positive resident cases of COVID-19!

Regulatory Changes: There have been no regulatory/order changes from The Ohio Department of Health pertaining to Long Term Care facilities despite relaxation for the general public.

Hamilton County's positivity rate: has declined at 2.4%. The visitation program can continue if the positivity rate remains below 10%.

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June 18, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Covid-19 Status: We have had no known positive resident cases of COVID-19!

<u>Regulatory Changes:</u> During a press conference yesterday, Governor DeWine terminated the state of emergency declaration for Ohio and added that the Director of Health would be discussing which orders would be rescinded with expected effective dates during a pre-planned webinar with LTC industry leaders today (6/18/21). Yesterday Juneteenth became a national holiday, and it is being observed for the 1st time today. As a result, the previously scheduled webinar has been rescheduled for Wednesday. We will communicate any changes to the LTC setting following the webinar in a Special Update next week.

Hamilton County's positivity rate: has declined to 1.8%. The visitation program can continue if the positivity rate remains below 10%.

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June 23, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Following the much-anticipated webinar from OHA detailing rescinded orders this morning, we enthusiastically communicate the following changes.

The following changes to visitation are effective immediately:

- Unlimited (but realistic) visitors at a time
- Reservations are no longer needed
- Visitors are able to spend time with a resident in designated visiting areas during the following hours:
 - \circ private resident room (visiting hours 8AM 10 PM)
 - \circ porch (operating hours 8AM 8PM)
 - \circ courtyard (operating hours 8AM 8 PM)
- Masks and covid screening are still required
- All entry/exit into the facility is still mandated to occur at the Garden Level.
- The front entrance will be unlocked daily between 8 AM 4 PM for a visitor to accompany a resident to the front circle or the Betman Center to enjoy some time in nature.
- Visits outside of these hours will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The following changes to <u>dining</u> will go into effect on Monday June 28th:

- We will be reopening our first-floor dining area to those that are able to independently dine after setup.
- Friendly reminder that 1st floor dining tables will not receive service from staff until the table has all attendees present in accordance with regulations.
- Those who require clinical assistance will have their meals served in the 2nd and 3rd floor dining areas.
- Those who are independent with dining can choose to eat on the 2nd or 3rd floor dining areas if desired.
- All dining areas will have the same sensory experience with place mats, metal cutlery and music.
- Dining for vaccinated residents no longer will be socially distanced. Four people can again eat at a table without plexiglass.
- If a resident elects to eat in a location that is not their typical dining location, we ask that you communicate this information to the kitchen so that we can ensure your meal is served in the appropriate location.

- Our 2nd and 3rd floor dining areas have been expanded and will be undergoing minor renovations soon.
- The staff break room will be repopulated with four dining tables. Each table will have two chairs and plexiglass in accordance with regulations pertaining to unvaccinated staff members. A maximum of eight staff members are permitted to be in this space at a time.
- Four picnic tables are now available around the parking lot area.
- Suggestion boxes will be placed in all dining locations as a way for the facility to receive feedback as we rollout our new dining process.

The following orders have not been rescinded to date:

- Main therapy/gym area will remain closed as we are mandated to retain an isolation unit setup.
- Family/friends are not permitted to walk freely around the facility.
- Care conference participation will remain remote
- Masks and covid screening are still required for staff/visitors.
- All entry/exit into the facility is mandated to occur at the Garden Level.

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June 25, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

We hope that you are beginning to feel some normalcy in your lives but importantly that you once again have the opportunity to visit your family/friends here at The Beechwood Home in a manner that more closely reflects prepandemic. We want to acknowledge that although the past 16 months have been challenging, we continue to be very proud of everyone who adhered to the many restrictions, which at times seemed unbearable. To date, we can proudly say we have remained COVID-free among those who reside in our facility. We are exceptionally proud to be among the 3% of Long-term care facilities in Ohio that have remained COVID-free and we attribute this to everyone's dedication to infection control measures and adherence to the health orders imposed on our setting. As always, if anyone has any questions/comments/concerns about how we have managed or continue to manage the covid-19 pandemic, our Emergency Planning Committee is always available to listen, educate and provide insight into what our projections are on the horizon from a regulatory standpoint. It has been an honor to communicate to everyone where the facility has been week to week and encourage you to remain diligent and continue to implement best practices until we can gleefully use the phrase "post pandemic".

Happy Friday!