

December 10th, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Post-Holiday Testing:** Thrilled to report that we rapid tested all our Residents today to proactively identify any cases that may have been related to Thanksgiving Celebrations and everyone was negative! This is wonderful news when considering the status of Covid-19 in Hamilton County currently. We are amazingly fortunate that 94% of our Residents are vaccinated against Covid.

**Positivity Rate:** Hamilton County's positivity rate has increased to 10.2% through the week of 11/30. This is a 1.52% increase over last week's reported positivity rate through 11/23.

**Preparing for a Safe Holiday with Rising Covid Rates:** With the deteriorating status of Covid-19 in Hamilton County, we strongly encourage everyone to assess the risks associated with your family gathering and do all that is possible to protect yourself and a Residents in attendance as this ultimately could impact the wellbeing of others who reside at the facility. On a positive note, we now have some amazing tools at our disposal which include rapid testing and vaccines.

**Rapid Tests:** Covid-19 Rapid Antigen tests are an amazing tool available at your local pharmacy which can significantly improve the chances that you have a safe and happy holiday gathering with loved ones. It is recommended that this diagnostic tool be used on the morning of a gathering to identify anyone that has the potential to spread covid-19 without knowing that they have the virus. If you have any questions about rapid tests, please let us know as we have lots of experience with them.

**Giving Tree:** Thank you to everyone who participated in our Giving Tree program this year. In a couple weeks we will be having our mobile holiday party and provide a gift uniquely selected for each Resident.

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

December 15, 2021 Update

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting two (2) Staff members with a confirmed positive PCR covid-19 test. This brings our total active cases to two (2). The facility has had a cumulative total of forty-six staff (46) and twelve (12) Resident confirmed Covid-19 cases 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

Action Plan: Our action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance. All residents in the building were tested and are negative. We will test all again next week and the following week assuming no more positives. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

Contact us with questions: 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)



December 17, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Positivity Rate: Hamilton County's positivity rate has increased to 10.73% through the week of 12/7. This is a 0.53% increase over last week's reported positivity rate through 11/30.

Megan on Leave: Megan (Director of Therapeutic Rec. and Volunteer Services) will be on FMLA leave until January 28th, 2022. We know that Megan is very involved in the lives of our Residents and Family Members through email/text however we ask that you please refrain from sending communications to her until February 1st. Rob is available to address all Activities questions/concerns and can be reached at [RChapman@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:RChapman@beechwoodhome.com). Heather and Tom from Social Services are also always available, so please do not hesitate to reach out.

Resident Outings: If a Resident is planning to attend a holiday event in the community, please let Social Services know ASAP so that plans can be added to our Resident Appointment calendar to ensure that they are ready in time for pickup.

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Vaccine Mandate Update/ Covid + Staff: The CMS vaccine mandate has been put on hold in Ohio due to legal action by various parties. Even if the CMS mandate was in place, there are medical and religious exemptions that people are permitted to claim that we are legally required to recognize. Vaccination does not provide 100% protection and it appears that the Omicron variant is the most able to evade vaccine protection to date. It is projected that there will be more breakthrough cases with Omicron however when this occurs the individual is significantly more likely to have a mild case compared to someone who is unvaccinated which is positive news. Considering the difficult situation we find ourselves in once again, we strongly encourage everyone to follow the infection control recommendations by public health officials. Keep socially distant from others not in your immediate household, wear a mask (even indoors), practice hand hygiene, keep up to date on your vaccinations and if you feel sick get tested ASAP.

On behalf of The Beechwood Home, wishing everyone a happy holiday season!

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

December 21, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting two (2) Staff members with confirmed positive PCR covid-19 tests. This brings our total active cases to four (4). The facility has had a cumulative total of forty-eight staff (48) and twelve (12) Resident confirmed Covid-19 cases 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

Action Plan: Our action plan will remain unchanged as these staff member have not been in the building since our outbreak testing started last week. All Residents in the building will be tested again this week. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon (Administrator)  
Patricia A. Clark, DM (CEO, Administrator)

December 27, 2021 Update

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:** We are reporting three (3) Staff member with positive covid-19 tests (of which one is still pending PCR). This brings our total active cases to five (5). The facility has had a cumulative total of fifty-one (51) Staff and twelve (12) Resident confirmed Covid-19 cases 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

**Action Plan:** Our action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance. All Residents in the building were tested this morning and were negative. All Residents will be tested again next week. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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Sincerely,  
Scot Harmon (Administrator) & Patricia A. Clark, DM (CEO, Administrator)

December 28th, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

After reporting three staff positive cases yesterday and having an additional three pending cases today (two of which are Residents) our Coronavirus Committee met this morning to discuss aggressive actions for implementation with the goal of cutting the chain of transmission and limiting the internal spread to as few as possible. We hope the following measures will only be in place for a short period of time.

We will be rapid testing all Residents daily for the next five days to assess the extent of the spread in our facility. Any rapid positive test is immediately followed up with a STAT PCR test. After consulting with our Physician, assessing the reality of the staffing circumstances we face in addition to consulting with local/federal guidelines, we will be quarantining the Covid positive Residents in their rooms.

**We urgently recommend that visitors only enter the facility for emergencies until further notice. We cannot express enough how important it is to limit contact with others unless necessary until we have a better handle on the situation unfolding at the facility.**

Until further notice the following measures will be put into place again:

- The 1st floor dining room will be closed starting with dinner this evening. Residents able to feed themselves will be served meals in their private rooms.
- Group Activities have been suspended.
- Access to outdoor spaces will be permitted on alternating days keeping the 2nd and 3rd floor residents apart. Once we are confident the risk of internal spread has passed, we will resume floor intermingling.
- We strongly encourage Residents to:
- Voluntarily self-isolate in your room to break any possible lines of transmission within the facility.
- Wear a mask if outside your private room. If you need one, please request one.
- Ask your loved ones NOT to visit.
- Socially distance from others.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and compliance with these measures aimed at keeping our Beechwood Family as safe and healthy as possible. We hope to get back to normal as soon as possible.

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

Scot Harmon,  
Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM  
CEO, Administrator

December 29, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:** We are reporting two (2) Staff members with confirmed positive covid-19 tests and three (3) Resident cases (of which one is still pending PCR). This brings our total active cases to nine (9). The facility has had a cumulative total of fifty-three (53) Staff and fifteen (15) Resident Covid-19 cases 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work. The Residents are on isolation/droplet precautions and will remain in their private rooms until they have been medically cleared by the Physician/Medical Director.

**Action Plan:** Our action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance. All Residents in the building will be tested for five days straight. Once we achieve zero positive covid-19 cases during a five-day period, we will transition to Resident testing every three days until we reach a total of fourteen days without any new Resident cases of Covid-19. Any new case will reset the testing protocol to day L. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon (Administrator) & Patricia A. Clark, DM (CEO, Administrator)

December 30, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:** We are reporting two (2) Staff members with positive covid-19 tests (of which one is still pending PCR) and one (1) Resident case (of which is still pending PCR). This brings our total active cases to twelve (12). The facility has had a cumulative total of fifty-five (55) Staff and sixteen (16) Resident Covid-19 cases 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work. The Resident is on isolation/droplet precautions and will remain in their private room until they have been medically cleared by the Physician/Medical Director.

**Action Plan:** Our action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance. All Residents in the building will be tested for five days straight. Once we achieve zero positive covid-19 cases during a five day period, we will transition to Resident testing every three days until we reach a total of fourteen days without any new Resident cases of Covid-19. Any new case will reset the testing protocol to day 1. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon (Administrator) & Patricia A. Clark, DM (CEO, Administrator)

December 31, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:** We are reporting one (1) Staff member with a positive covid-19 test (which is still pending PCR). This brings our total active cases to thirteen (13). The facility has had a cumulative total of fifty-six (56) Staff and sixteen (16) Resident Covid-19 cases 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

**Action Plan:** Our action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance. All Residents in the building will be tested for five days straight. Once we achieve zero positive covid-19 cases during a five-day period, we will transition to Resident testing every three days until we reach a total of fourteen days without any new Resident cases. We successfully completed Resident testing today and observed zero new cases. Any new case will reset the testing protocol to day 1. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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