



February 5, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

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

Stimulus Checks: For those with Ohio Medicaid, HCJFS has indicated that the 2nd round stimulus checks will not be counted as income for a year. If you are concerned that your account is over resource, please contact Heather to discuss.

Super Bowl Sunday: Covid-19 infection rates across the country have been falling for weeks however the matchup between the Chiefs and the Buccaneers on Sunday poses another risk for significant covid-19 spread as people gather together and enthusiastically cheer on their team. **Public Health Agencies strongly encourage people to stay home with their immediate family members to watch the game.** This will not only help to reduce community spread in Hamilton County, but it will also ensure your favorite gameday snack hasn't been eaten by someone else.

Round 2 Vaccine Side Effects: So far everyone seems to be handling the 2nd round Pfizer vaccination well with sore arm being the #1 reported observation again. If needed, Tylenol has provided relief to those that have requested it.

Vaccine Clinic:

~Our 3rd 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 3rd clinic.**

Ohio Public Health Advisory System: Hamilton County remains "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 13.5%. This is a 2.1% 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%.

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) and Megan (mandolph@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 myself, Scot Harmon (Administrator) or Patricia Clark (CEO).

February 12, 2021 Update

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Getting close to 10%: Hamilton County's positivity rate is getting close to the magical 10% threshold. The Covid-19 committee recently met to begin discussing the possible revitalization of this program and we look forward to providing concrete details when appropriate. With the unpredictable nature of the pandemic, we want everyone to be aware that this program if resumed is subject to prompt shut down if/when the rate rises above 10% again. Additionally, if the facility experiences a new facility-onset covid-19 case, per state/federal guidelines the program would also be suspended. For the time being though, it is a bright spot on the horizon.

CDC Update Mask Recommendations: The CDC updated their guidance for mask use on 2/10/21. See image above and link for more details. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html#print>

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon,
Administrator


Patricia A. Clark, DM
CEO, Administrator

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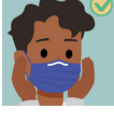
Choose a mask with a **Nose Wire**

- A nose wire is a metal strip along the top of the mask
- Nose wires prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask.
- Bend the nose wire over your nose to fit close to your face.




Use a **Mask Fitter or Brace**

- Use a mask fitter or brace over a disposable mask or a cloth mask to prevent air from leaking around the edges of the mask.



Check that it **Fits Snugly over your nose, mouth, and chin**

- Check for gaps by cupping your hands around the outside edges of the mask.
- Make sure no air is flowing from the area near your eyes or from the sides of the mask.
- If the mask has a good fit, you will feel warm air come through the front of the mask and may be able to see the mask material move in and out with each breath.



Add **Layers of material**

Ways to layer

- Use a cloth mask that has multiple layers of fabric.

OR

- Wear one disposable mask underneath a cloth mask.
 - The second mask should push the edges of the inner mask against your face.

Make sure you can see and breathe easily



SPECIAL UPDATE: February 18, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Resuming Indoor Visitation: We are very excited to report that Hamilton County's positivity rate has fallen to 9.8% and as a result we can resume our indoor visitation program. Please be aware that positivity rates are distributed every Tuesday and if the rate goes above 10% again, the program will be suspended effective the next day. Days/times of the program have been updated to reflect previous demand and allow additional opportunities for Activities to expand their program offerings.

Please email melder@beechwoodhome.com to request a day/time for an upcoming indoor visitation opportunity.

Now accepting reservations for 2/22 – 2/26. Reservation window closes on 2/19 at 1:00 PM.

-Monday (3rd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

-Wednesday (2nd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

-Thursday (2nd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

-Friday (3rd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00

***The schedule for the week of 2/22 is atypical due to our 3rd vaccination clinic on 2/23 which utilizes the same space that our indoor visitation uses. The Beech Room has been determined to be the safest space in the facility to conduct events of this nature and unfortunately, we are unable to perform both on the same day.**

Now accepting reservations for 3/1 – 3/5. Reservation window closes on 2/25.

-Monday (2nd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

-Tuesday (3rd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

-Thursday (3rd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00

-Friday (2nd floor residents): 10:00, 11:00, 2:00, 3:00

Friendly reminder of general program rules:

- First come, first serve for scheduling.
- One visit per resident per week
- Residents on isolation precautions are unable to participate in the indoor visitation program.
- Maximum of two visitors permitted to attend per visit
- Maximum length of visit is 30 minutes
- A surgical/procedural facemask must be worn for the entire visit. Facility can provide if needed.
- Parties are to remain on their side of the plexiglass barrier for infection control purposes
- There are no restrooms available to visitors. Visitors must remain in the Beech Room.
- Visitors are only permitted to enter The Beech Room after they have passed temperature and screening questionnaire by our staff
- Visits are subject to last minute cancellation due to inclement weather or any other unforeseeable emergency. Ohio Department of Health orders indicates that these programs can only operate if there is adequate staffing to ensure the program can be operated safely.

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February 26, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

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

Indoor Visits: Accepting reservations for 3/8 to 3/12. Reservation window closes on 3/4.

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Emotionally Preparing for Visits: Nobody expected in March of 2020 that our lives would be altered in such a significant way for such an extended period of time. As the pandemic improves, we look forward to our lives slowly beginning to resemble what we yearn for most which is to be together again. We encourage everyone to mentally prepare for a reunion long in the making. There may be tears of joy or sadness. We may not recognize one another as some haven't ventured into a salon for a year while others decided to keep the "No Shave November" beard. There are some new Residents that are eager to meet everyone and experience The Beechwood Home that we all know and love. Heather and Tom are always available to talk to Residents, but they are also available for family members so please do not hesitate to reach out. *Special shout out to Tim Wightman, thank you for all that you do 😊

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Indoor Visitation (Active): Hamilton County's positivity rate has **declined** to 8.4%. This is a 1.4% decrease since last week's update and the county remains 'yellow' per CMS rating system. The indoor visitation program can continue as long as the positivity rate remains below 10%.

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