

April 3, 2021 Special Update

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-seven (27) 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 mirror revised state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were tested yesterday morning and all tests came back negative. Zero (0) residents were identified as close contacts as a result Scheduled Visitation will continue without interruption. 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 the state testing schedule is revised. 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.

Sincerely,

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



April 9th Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

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

Happy 1st Anniversary to our DON Kendra Smith: Kendra joined our team in March last year as our Director of Nursing, just as all our lives took an unexpected turn for the unknown. She has tirelessly led the nursing team during the pandemic, and we want to congratulate her for the amazing Covid Free resident status that we proudly continue. We hope that more family members can meet her as the facility takes steps back to normalcy, something Kendra is very much looking forward to experiencing for the first time. When not at work, Kendra is chasing around five children, two dogs, mastering car mechanic skills or enjoying nature with her fiancé. She can be reached at ksmith@beechwoodhome.com.

Weekend Front Door Access: Beginning this weekend, the front doors will be open from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM for resident use only on Saturdays and Sundays. A Weekend Security Guard will be upstairs at the desk controlling access through the doors. Staff and family members are not permitted to use this as an entrance into the facility due to Covid monitoring setup at the Garden Level Entrance.

Make Up Shower Program- Kendra is rolling out a program to ensure that any missed showers are made up shortly afterwards. This program will be monitored by our Supervisors and audited by Kendra.

Scheduled In-Room Visitation: Scheduled In-Room Visitation appears to be going well and we thank everyone for their compliance with the program structure. We encourage everyone to continue to follow infection control guidelines to prevent a surge of Covid specifically related to B.1.1.7 variant in Ohio. Appointments are available by scheduled request. **Please e-mail melder@beechwoodhome.com to request a day/time for a visitation opportunity.**

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.

Hamilton County’s positivity rate: has **remained stable** at 4.1%. The visitation program can continue as long as the positivity rate remains 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.

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

Sincerely,

Scot Harmon,
Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM
CEO, Administrator

April 9, 2021 Special Update

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-eight (28) 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 mirror revised state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were tested this morning and all tests came back negative. Nineteen (19) residents were identified as close contacts and all families of those residents have been contacted. 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 until the state testing schedule is revised. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

If the responsible party/POA for your loved one was not contacted this morning, the scheduled indoor visitation program remains in operation without any interruption.

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



April 16, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

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

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.

Resident Quarantine: Currently The Ohio Department of Health mandates that a resident who has had a possible exposure to covid-19 quarantine for 14 days regardless of vaccination status. We recognize that this is more restrictive than the current recommendations by the CDC and acknowledge your frustration if this occurs to you or your loved one. The facility is licensed and operates under ODH therefore this is something we are required to do. If/when this occurs to your loved one, scheduled in-room visitation is suspended per ODH however compassionate care visits are available for scheduling per ODH. We recognize that this is confusing as your visit experience is almost identical. The more significant impact is felt by the resident who needs to stay in their room for 14 days. We hope that ODH reflects CDC regarding this topic soon.

Scheduled In-Room Visitation B.1.1.7 is now the dominant strain of covid-19 in America and it is significantly more infectious than the wild type (original strain) leading to exponential growth of Covid cases over the last couple weeks across the country. Please do all that you can to slow the spread of Covid, so that this program can continue uninterrupted. Appointments are available by scheduled request. **Please e-mail melder@beechwoodhome.com to request a day/time for a visitation opportunity.**

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.

Hamilton County’s positivity rate: reporting unavailable this week. The visitation program can continue as long as the positivity rate remains below 10%.

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



April 23, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

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

PSA: We strongly encourage everyone to read the article below about a nursing home in KY which resulted in 18 fully vaccinated residents contracting covid-19. Vaccination is a significant tool in the fight against Covid-19 however we also want to stress that no vaccine ever created protects someone from illness 100%. The Ohio Department of Health now allows visitors to enter the facility and the vaccination status of these individuals is unknown. While not required, we strongly encourage anyone who visits the facility to get vaccinated as you may be engaging with a resident in a way that does not adhere to best practices regarding infection control. We acknowledge that there are staff members who have declined the vaccine while taking care of your loved ones however these individuals are mandated to be covid tested twice a week and any positive cases are hopefully caught before it can spread within the facility. We also have monthly vaccine clinics and hope that our staff vaccination rate continues to improve each month.

<https://www.kentucky.com/news/coronavirus/article250862594.html>

Managing Risk: We acknowledge covid fatigue is an emotion felt by many however a majority of Ohioans are still not fully vaccinated. For those that are fully vaccinated, it easily can be interpreted as a liberating experience resulting in a life that returns to normal however this is not recommended by medical experts, especially as the highly infectious variant B.1.1.7 is currently circulating in our community. Local hospitals in Cincinnati are experiencing a surge in covid-related admissions. In Europe the spread of B.1.1.7 is being characterized as an epidemic within a pandemic. The Ohio Department of Health continues to have restrictions stricter for nursing homes than is recommended by the CDC for the general public because congregate care settings are especially prone to a covid-19 outbreak due to the density of individuals. The Emergency Planning Committee simply requests that everyone ask themselves "is this worth the exposure?" as they go about their lives.

Mask Use Within the Facility:

- Residents are required to wear a mask while attending a facility-sponsored group activity.
- Visitors are required to wear a mask at all times while in the facility.
- Staff are required to wear a mask at all times in the facility unless they are working in a private office or eating while 6' apart from anyone.
- Residents are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while out of their room.

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.

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

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

Heather Hefren MSW, LSW

Director of Social Services

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April 30th, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

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

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.

Hamilton County's positivity rate: has increased to 4.9%. The visitation program can continue as long as the positivity rate remains below 10%.

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.

Scheduled In-Room Visitation: Please e-mail melder@beechwoodhome.com to request a visitation opportunity.

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

