



Update 5/29/20

Residents/Family/Friends,

- 1) We continue to have no known cases of Covid-19!
- 2) Dr. Acton (Director of the Ohio Department of Health) signed an order on 5/27/20 regarding the initiation of Covid-19 testing for all staff of Long-Term Care Facilities. Congregate Care Unified Response Teams is the umbrella term for the multiple agencies which will be involved in this new directive. The Facility will be contacted by a Contact Administrator shortly before the National Guard arrives to administer the testing within the facility. The results will be communicated to the facility by the Contact Administrator. It appears initially this program will target staff however it does indicate that it could strategically test Residents as they deem appropriate.
- 3) The facility must contact residents and their representatives by 5:00 PM the next calendar day following the occurrence of a single confirmed Covid-19 infection of a resident or staff member **OR** of three or more residents or staff members with new onset of respiratory symptoms that occurred within 72 hours of each other.

The facility would communicate information regarding this matter to Residents via a letter distributed to everyone on paper. The facility would communicate information regarding this matter to Representatives through our Emergency Communication Platform (EZ texting). If you are currently receiving weekly updates via text, you are already enrolled. If you would like to enroll you can text 484848 the message ezbwh to self-enroll. Alternatively, I have identified a way to enroll on my side of the platform. Please send Heather an email or text, requesting facility-enrollment.

As a result of the mandatory testing program, we encourage everyone not to be surprised if this process results in positive Covid-19 cases linked to BWH as this information can be viewed in a positive perspective. It has been well documented that many people positive for Covid-19 are asymptomatic, meaning they appear and feel perfectly health. The concern here is that these individuals can spread the virus without anyone knowing it and the screening policies in place to protect LTC facilities have always had this vulnerability as they are unable to detect this type of positive case. Having the opportunity to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 and prevent them from entering the facility until they are no longer positive for the virus, is a major leap forward to protecting everyone.

- 4) This week we were fortunate to receive another flower donation. Potted daisy plants were distributed throughout the facility and the sight of flowers always seem to make people smile.
- 5) An advisory committee in Ohio has begun to discuss future visitation guidelines for congregate care facilities. To date, there have been no changes to the visitation policy that has been in effect since March 11, 2020.

Please be aware that the Advisory Committee may produce different recommendations for Assisting Living Facilities, Long Term Care Facilities and/or Intermediate Care Facilities. When watching the news, please be mindful of the type of facility The Beechwood Home is. We will communicate visitation policy changes to everyone as they become available pertaining to Long Term Care Facilities.



As always if you have any questions/comments/concerns, please feel free to contact myself, Scot Harmon (Administrator) sharmon@beechwoodhome.com and/or Patricia Clark (CEO) pclark@beechwoodhome.com.

Sincerely,

Scot Harmon,
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