



## August 6th Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive resident cases of COVID-19. We strongly encourage Residents to resume wearing facial coverings indoors as recommended by the CDC due to the delta variant regardless of vaccination status.

**Developing Events:** Momentum in the medical industry is picking up when it comes to the topic of mandating covid-19 vaccinations in the medical setting. Locally the leaders of Children's Hospital, Christ Hospital, UC Health, St. Elizabeth, Mercy Health and TriHealth came together during a press conference yesterday to announce that all staff will be required to have had the covid-19 vaccination for continued employment in the fall. Episcopal Retirement Services based in Cincinnati operates 30 facilities across three states recently announced a covid-19 vaccination requirement for staff members. The Delta variant is rapidly changing the functional landscape of many facets of our lives which we thought were behind us. Our Ethics Committee is meeting next week to discuss mandating covid-19 vaccinations to protect Residents and Staff as much as is possible.

**Reading the Tea Leaves:** The Governor of California signed an order yesterday indicating that all visitors to healthcare settings need to be vaccinated or show proof of a recent covid-19 test before entering. Our Covid-19 committee closely monitors all regulatory orders and at this time vaccinations status is not a criterion for visitation however we strongly encourage any unvaccinated visitors to consider getting vaccinated as this may be a protection added in Ohio to protect vulnerable populations.

**Hamilton County's positivity rate:** has increased to 4.7%. This is an increase of 1.7%. The visitation program can continue if the positivity rate remains below 10%. Please be aware that the positivity rate is increasingly rapidly. If you have not had the opportunity to see a loved one in a while, please take the opportunity to do so in the event visitation is put on hold.

**Help Keep Us Covid Free:** Due to the significantly more transmissible delta variant now dominant in America, we continue to encourage everyone get a Covid-19 vaccine to protect against the worst symptoms of Covid-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms of an upper respiratory infection, please stay away from the facility as the symptoms for covid-19 continue to evolve.

**Open Vaccine Clinic:** We would like to welcome anyone that is interested in getting a Covid-19 vaccine to our next vaccine clinic in a couple weeks. The Moderna vaccine will be administered by Skilled Care Pharmacists. Please contact [SHarmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:SHarmon@beechwoodhome.com) if you or anyone you know is interested in participating. Together we make everyone safer by getting vaccinated. 😊

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