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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 one (1). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-two (32) staff 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

Action Plan.

Our action plan will mirror revised state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents have been tested, and all tests came back negative. Three (3) residents were identified as close contacts and their representatives have been notified. We will test all residents again later this week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert to surveillance monitoring. 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

September 7, 2021

**COVID-19 TESTING**

**WHO:** Any visitor to the facility

**WHAT:** Free rapid voluntary covid-19 testing available with results in 15 minutes (\$10 value)

**WHEN:** Monday to Friday (9AM to 2PM)

**WHERE:** In your car or your loved ones room

**WHY:** Trying to keep our Residents as safe as possible. All of our staff are tested at least weekly making visitors the unknown exposure variable at this time. We will enthusiastically test any visitor that would like to participate!

**HOW:** Either call on your way (car test) or ask the Receptionist upon your arrival (in room) for a rapid covid-19 test and our Testing Staff will administer the swab shortly after your arrival.

Thank you in advance to all visitors that take advantage of this potentially lifesaving screening tool!



September 8, 2021

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 a cumulative total of thirty-three (33) staff 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

**Action Plan.**

Our action plan will mirror revised state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents have been tested, and all tests came back negative. Zero (0) residents were identified as close contacts. Breakout testing will include two additional rounds of testing. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert to surveillance monitoring. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

**Contact us with questions.**

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon (Administrator) and Patricia Clark (CEO, Administrator)



September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**HHS Vaccine Mandate:** After President Biden's speech yesterday evening expanding the vaccine mandate to cover roughly 100 million Americans, the rule impacting our industry has been delayed. We now expect to have more information regarding the Covid-19 vaccine mandate impacting Long Term Care Facilities in October.

**Operational Changes:** In preparation for the upcoming vaccine mandate, our HR department is only extending employment offers to those that are either already vaccinated or have expressed interest in getting vaccinated after hire date.

**Help Keep Us Covid Free:** If you are experiencing any symptoms of an upper respiratory infection or have been around someone who has been sick, please stay away from the facility as the symptoms for covid-19 continue to evolve.

**Hamilton County's positivity rate:** has **increased** to 10%. This is an increase of 1.1%. Visitation under the current order will NOT be suspended if the positivity rate surpasses 10% due to our Resident vaccinated rate being greater than 70%. We encourage everyone to take a moment and consider your exposure risk as you go about your daily life decisions, especially if visiting the facility is part of your routine. We highly recommend knowing your testing status before coming to the facility to keep our community as safe as possible.

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

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



September 13, 2021

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 a cumulative total of thirty-four (34) staff 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

**Action Plan.**

Our action plan will mirror revised state and local guidance. No initial outbreak testing is needed due to the staff member not having entered the facility since August. As a result, zero (0) residents were identified as close contacts. Breakout testing will continue for our other active case. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert to surveillance monitoring. 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) and Patricia Clark (CEO, Administrator)



## September 17, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Happy to share some much-awaited updates!

**Updated CMS Quarantine Protocol:** Going forward, only UNVACCINATED Residents identified as a close contact during contact tracing will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. We are relieved that guidance overseeing the LTC industry is now inline with recommendations for the rest of the country as it pertains to possible covid exposures.

**Updated CMS Outbreak Testing:** Going forward only Residents and Staff identified as a close contact (15-minute exposure in 24 hours) will be incorporated in the three-step outbreak testing process.

**Updated CMS Positivity Tracking:** The CMS positivity table is no longer being published to rate community transmission for LTC facilities. Instead, the CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View is used for this purpose, as is the case for routine testing of unvaccinated staff. All Ohio counties continue to be red (high spread) today. This tool is more reflective of real time data than what was previously utilized and offers a plethora of interesting data for our local community. The positivity rate is currently 11.58% for Hamilton County. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

**Caution While Near Building:** Until further notice, please be cautious while entering/exiting the facility as we are in the process of having the entire roof replaced. Residents will only be permitted to utilize covered outdoor spaces while there is a risk of shingles and nails falling from above (porch and front portico). Our Maintenance staff will be using a magnet roller around the facility twice a day however due to the sheer size of our roof, it is very important that everyone be cautious and not loiter outside near the facility until this project has been completed.

**Help Keep Us Covid Free:** If you are experiencing any symptoms of an upper respiratory infection or have been around someone who has been sick, please stay away from the facility as the symptoms for covid-19 continue to evolve.

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

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

September 24, 2021 Special Update

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:**

We are reporting one (1) Resident who has tested positive. This brings our total active cases to one (1). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-four (34) Staff and one (1) Resident confirmed Covid-19 PCR tests associated with the facility to date. The Resident has transitioned to our isolation unit on the 1st floor.

**Action Plan.**

Effectuated Resident and their Responsible Party have been notified.

The Resident will remain in the isolation unit on the 1st floor until cleared by our Medical Director to return to their private room. The isolation unit is staffed with an LPN/RN who is not permitted to interact with any other Residents during that shift. Specialized protocols will be in place for entering/exiting the isolation area and when possible, items entering the space will exit via the trash.

Our testing action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance out of an abundance of caution. Despite zero Residents being identified as close contacts during the contact tracing process, we voluntarily elected to rapid test everyone associated with the 2-1 unit and all of these tests have come back negative. We will continue with routine surveillance monitoring of staff which entails twice weekly for unvaccinated and weekly for vaccinated. Everyone on the 2-1 unit will have a PCR test performed midweek. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

**Contact us with questions.**

While each positive test reported has been of great concern, having our first Resident case further illustrates the importance of vaccination, maintaining social distance and use of masks regardless of vaccination status. 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)

September 27, 2021 Special Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

We are happy to report that Skilled Care Pharmacy will be hosting a Booster Vaccine Clinic TOMORROW (Tuesday) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at The Beechwood Home for our Residents and likely Staff who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine greater than or equal to six months ago. We are grateful to our pharmacy provider who was able to accommodate our urgent scheduling request as we strive to implement any strategies possible to prevent and if needed combat the virus thereby keeping our Residents and Staff as safe as possible during this ongoing pandemic.

Any Resident or Staff member who has not received a covid-19 vaccine to date is welcome to attend the clinic and begin a vaccination series.

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



September 27, 2021 Special Update 2

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary/ of Changes Since Last Notice:**

We are reporting two (2) staff members who has tested positive. This brings our total active cases to three (3). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-six (36) Staff and one (1) Resident confirmed Covid-19 PCR tests 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 mirror revised state and local guidance. Zero (0) Residents were identified as close contacts therefore there will be no outbreak testing. We will continue with our voluntary outbreak testing related to the recent Resident positive case and will continue with surveillance monitoring of unvaccinated staff twice a week and 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  
CEO, Administrator



September 28, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:**

We are reporting one (1) staff members who has tested positive. This brings our total active cases to four (4). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-seven (37) Staff and one (1) Resident confirmed Covid-19 PCR 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 they meet the mandated criteria to return to work.

**Action Plan.**

Our action plan will mirror revised state and Joe.al guidance. Eleven (11) Residents were identified as close contacts as we implement Outbreak Testing which consists of two tests at intervals recommended by public heal the guidelines. All of the first-round tests came back negative. We will continue with surveillance monitoring of all unvaccinated staff twice a week and all 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 Clark  
CEO, Administrator

September 30, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Until further notice, visitation has been suspended with the exception of approved compassionate care visits. We have had seven (7) pending/confirmed covid tests within the last week and all our energies are focused on identifying the source of transmission and limiting the spread within the facility which could have unthinkable consequences on our vulnerable population. 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.

Our Coronavirus Committee is meeting shortly to discuss the situation and additional updates will be distributed as soon as possible.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and compliance with these measures as we continually strive to protect everyone associated with the facility.

September 30, 2021 Update #2

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

From the data we are reviewing, our recent cases appear to have started from community exposure and potentially developed into internal spread. As a result, we are going to take aggressive actions with the goal to cut the chain of transmission and limit 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. If/when a PCR test is confirmed positive, the Resident will be transferred to our Isolation Room on the first floor which can accommodate up to six Residents.

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

Visitation has been suspended with the exception of scheduled compassionate care visits.

Approved scheduled Compassionate Care visits are permitted to only occur in a Resident's room.

If your loved one is receiving hospice services, your visits do NOT need to be scheduled in advance.

Residents will be restricted to movement on their floor of residence to limit the potential spread of an outbreak.

We strongly encourage Residents to voluntarily self-isolate in their room as we don't yet know who has been infected. Resident able to feed themselves will be sent meals in their private rooms.

Group Activities have been suspended.

Items dropped off on the tables in the glass area will be delivered to the Residents however we ask that you limit this as much as possible so that our Staff can focus on other matters.

Assist with video chats per request however we ask that you limit this as much as possible so that our Staff can focus on other matters.

Education will be provided to any Resident that chooses to spend time out in the community where there is high community transmission.

If we get through this phase of testing without any additional cases, we plan to open access to outdoor spaces to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor residents on alternating days. During this time, we will place the Plexi glass dividers in the front circle so that Residents on their scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> floor access

days can have time with loved ones outside. 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. These will be delivered to your room for convenient access.

Ask your loved ones NOT to visit.

Socially distance from others.

Protect yourself and ask a staff member by encouraging them to wear their PPE correctively. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, please talk to your nurse.

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/comments/concerns please contact Scot Harmon [sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com) (Administrator) or Patricia Clark [pclark@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:pclark@beechwoodhome.com) (CEO).

September 30, 2021 Update #3

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:**

We are reporting one (1) Resident with confirmed PCR positive test (with two additional Resident PCR's pending). This brings our total active cases to five (5). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-seven (37) Staff and two (2) Resident confirmed Covid-19 PCR tests associated with the facility to date. The Resident has transitioned to our isolation unit on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Action Plan.**

Effectuated Resident and their Responsible Party have been notified.

The Resident will remain in the isolation unit on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor until cleared by our Medical Director to return to their private room. The isolation unit is staffed with an LPN/RN who is not permitted to interact with any other Residents during that shift. Specialized protocols will be in place for entering/exiting the isolation area and when possible, items entering the space will exit via the trash.

Our testing action plan will **exceed** revised state and local guidance out of an abundance of caution. Despite five (5) Residents being identified as close contacts during the contact tracing process, we voluntarily elected to rapid test everyone associated with the 2-2 unit and all of these tests have come back negative. Sometime next week the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will receive a PCR test pertaining to Outbreak Testing step 2. We will continue with surveillance monitoring of staff which entails twice weekly for unvaccinated and weekly for vaccinated. We are also going to proactively rapid test all Residents for the next five days. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

**Contact us with questions.**

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Sincerely,

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