

October 6, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff

On behalf of our Covid Committee, I would like to:

- Thank everyone associated with The Beechwood Home for your unwavering support and understanding as we manage our first and hopefully last Covid outbreak. Our entire community has really pulled together during this challenging time.
- Special Thanks to our Residents who have done an impeccable job wearing masks when outside of their rooms and for the most part hunkering down in their private spaces.
- Special Thanks to the RN's and STNA's who have volunteered to staff the Isolation Unit.
- Special Thanks to Kendra (our DON) who has essentially lived at the facility since this outbreak began and has been on the cutting edge of administering the monoclonal treatments when prescribed.

After consulting with the local public health department and CDC guidance regarding an internal spread outbreak, the following parameters outline our timeline for resuming normal operations. If any additional positive cases arise, the timeline will reset to day 1.

**Day 1-5 from last known positive result:** daily testing of Residents/Staff, visitation suspended (except for compassionate care visits), Residents isolating to Clinical Floors.

**Day 4-14 from last known positive result:** Residents permitted to spend time on the porch and front circle with fellow floor residents on alternating days. A schedule will be posted when applicable. Access to the courtyard will not be permitted as it is adjacent to our isolation unit. Visitation suspended (except for compassionate care visits).

**Day 6-14 from last known positive result:** Testing of Residents/Staff will transition to every 3 days (biweekly for most staff). We will test anyone with s/s of a respiratory illness at any time. We will also test any Residents/Staff that request it for peace of mind. Visitation suspended (except for compassionate care visits).

**Day 15 from last known positive result:** resume visitation, comingling of floors, 1<sup>st</sup> floor dining, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Activities

From this outbreak we have witnessed firsthand how easily Covid can spread in a communal living setting such as a nursing home. We cannot stress enough how important it will be for everyone every day to be aware of the exposure risks you are taking and how it could impact the facility as this initial outbreak has done.

On a positive note, the spirits amongst those in and staffing the isolation unit are surprisingly high. There is a true sense of comradery in this space which is the ideal environment for recovery.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and compliance with these measures aimed at keeping our Beechwood Family safe and healthy. We have implemented all public health measures and are exceeding testing guidance with the goal to resume normal operations as soon as possible.

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