

October 20, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Turning Over a New Leaf: We are thrilled to report that we have completed the outbreak testing process pertaining to the internal spread of covid identified on 9/30/21. We will proceed with our return to “new normal” tomorrow however it is vitally important that some difficult lessons be comprehended from this experience.

Lessons Learned:

- No vaccine is 100% and most wane over time so we are stronger together when our community has as much ongoing herd immunity to Covid as possible. We expect the guidelines for the vaccine mandate from Health and Human Services regarding staff vaccinations will be available later this month and will distribute information when available.
- PPE and infection control measures work. Once we were aware that the virus was spreading within the facility, we were able to stop transmission very quickly. We strongly encourage Residents to continue to wear a mask when outside of their rooms. Visitors are **REQUIRED** to wear a mask and need to wear them for the entirety of your visit.
- Testing: Surveillance testing can identify positive cases early and potentially prevent transmission before it occurs. While unvaccinated staff are mandated to be tested twice a week, our Covid Committee has decided to continue to proactively test vaccinated staff weekly. We also want Residents and Visitors to be aware that a rapid test is available to them as often as they would like and highly encouraged for those that spend time in the community.

Return to “New Normal” effective 10/21/21:

- Routine visitation will resume allowing family/friends to visit a Resident unscheduled between the hours of 8 AM and 10:00 PM. Masks use is mandatory.
- Group activities will resume on the 1st floor.
- The 2nd and 3rd floor Residents can comingle and have access to the 1st floor daily.
- 1st floor dining will resume for those that are independent with meals starting with breakfast.
- The Salon will resume services on 10/26.

The actions of everyone associated with the facility ultimately determine if another outbreak of covid impacts our facility. We sincerely hope this never occurs however it is critically important to remember that it could. Continued implementation of precautions even when things seem to be going well are the things which prevent undesired events from occurring.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and compliance with these measures aimed at keeping our Beechwood Family as safe and healthy as possible.

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