

October 1, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting five (5) Residents with positive covid-19 tests (three are pending PCR's however the rapids have been accurate to date). This brings our total active cases to ten (10). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-seven (37) Staff and seven (7) Resident Covid-19 cases associated with the facility to date. The Residents have transitioned to our isolation unit on the 1st floor.

Action Plan. Effected Residents and their Responsible Parties have been notified. The Residents will remain in the isolation unit on the 1st floor until cleared by our Medical Director to return to their private room or transferred to the hospital if medically necessary. Our Medical Director is also screening all cases for qualification for monoclonal antibody treatments and when appropriate and while supplies last, we are able to administer the treatment inhouse.

The isolation unit is staffed with an LPN/RN and an STNA (if numbers permit) who are not permitted to interact with any other Residents during that shift. Specialized protocols are 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. Due to the current outbreak, we are testing all Residents and Staff each day to identify anyone who is positive as soon as possible. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

What is happening at the facility is mirroring reports from other facilities when experiencing their initial outbreak. Before becoming aware of the initial case, it has spread and spread fast and this is only magnified by the delta variant. We are doing everything we can think of to track down all infected persons in hopes of cutting the lines of transmission.

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.

Sincerely,

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

October 4, 2021 Update

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting three (3) Residents and one (1) Staff member with positive covid-19 tests (of which two are still pending PCR). This brings our total active cases to thirteen (13). The facility has had a cumulative total of thirty-eight (38) Staff and ten (10) Resident Covid-19 cases associated with the facility to date. The Residents have transitioned to our isolation unit on the 1st floor. 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.

Effectuated Residents and their Responsible Parties have been notified. The Residents will remain in the isolation unit on the 1st floor until cleared by our Medical Director to return to their private room or transferred to the hospital if medically necessary. Our Medical Director is also screening all cases for qualification for monoclonal antibody treatments and when appropriate and while supplies last, we are able to administer the treatment inhouse.

Our testing action plan will exceed revised state and local guidance out of an abundance of caution. Due to the current outbreak, we are testing all Residents and Staff each day to identify anyone who is positive as soon as possible. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon, Administrator and Patricia A. Clark, CEO, Administrator



October 6, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting two (2) Residents and two (2) Staff member with positive covid-19 tests (of which one is still pending PCR). This brings our total active cases to seventeen (17). The facility has had a cumulative total forty (40) Staff and twelve (12) Resident Covid-19 cases associated with the facility to date. The Residents have transitioned to our isolation unit on the 1st floor. 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. Effected Residents and their Responsible Parties have been notified. The Residents will remain in an isolation unit on the 1st floor until cleared by our Medical Director to return to their private room or transferred to the hospital if medically necessary. We have created a second adjacent isolation unit and currently have the capacity for twelve. The unit is staffed by volunteers, and we increase the number of RN/STNAs based upon the number and acuity of those that require this service. Monoclonal antibody treatments are administered when medically appropriate and while supplies last we are able to administer the treatment inhouse.

Our testing action plan will **exceed** revised state and local guidance out of an abundance of caution. Due to the current outbreak, we are testing all Residents and Staff daily to identify anyone who is positive as soon as possible. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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Sincerely,

Scot Harmon,
Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM
CEO, Administrator

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, 1st floor dining, 1st 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).



October 8th, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Great News: We are happy to report that we have gone two days without any additional positive covid-19 test results which we hope is a sign that transmission related to this initial outbreak is coming to an end. As of today, we project permitting Residents to spend time on the porch and front circle during alternating days per clinical floor early next week. Only time will tell how this initial outbreak ultimately pans out and we may have to reset this timeclock if another positive case is obtained however for today, we are celebrating this achievement.

Reminder: We are unimaginably fortunate at the facility to have the state-of-the-art facilities that we do. Covid-19 spreads through droplet transmission and our state-of-the-art HVAC system which utilizes 100% fresh air intake with HEPA filters exceeds indoor air quality guidance by public health organizations related to the pandemic. All Residents also reside in private rooms. While the current outbreak has been stressful for everyone, I hope it brings some peace of mind to know that the facility is truly one of the safest long-term care facilities that one could possibly reside in due to the investments the facility has made from a facilities perspective.

Thank you to the Residents and Staff once again for all that is being done to get this outbreak behind us as soon as possible. Infection control measures work and save lives.

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

Heather Hefren MSW, LSW

Social Services/Admission Coordinator

Director of Social Services

M: 513-702-8301

October 11, 2021

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Great News: we achieved 5 consecutive days without any positive covid cases. Access to the Porch and Front Circle has resumed on alternating days for Residents, starting with 3rd floor today. As indicated previously in our return to normal timeline, we will begin to test Residents every three days for the remainder of the outbreak testing process . We are cautiously optimistic for our projected return to normal date of October 21" however as this pandemic has taught us, nothing is a guarantee, and a positive case would reset our timeline to day 1.

More Great News: Our first Resident transferred back to their private room from the Isolation Unit yesterday with balloons, an enormous bag of Reece Cups and a framed "I Kicked Covid's A#\$" memorable plaque in hand.

Projected Amazing News : By weeks end, all of our Residents are projected to return to their private rooms marking an end to the use of the Isolation Unit, which we are ecstatic about.

October 2021					Porch & Front Circle Schedule	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	3 rd Floor	2 nd Floor	3 rd Floor	2 nd Floor	3 rd Floor	2 nd Floor
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3 rd Floor	2 nd Floor	3 rd Floor	2 nd Floor			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

Sincerely,

Scot Harmon,
Administrator

Patricia Clark
CEO, Administrator



October 15, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting one (1) Staff member with confirmed PCR positive covid-19 test. This brings our total active cases to five (5). The facility has had a cumulative total of forty-one (41) Staff and twelve (12) Resident PCR confirmed Covid-19 cases 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. Zero (0) Residents were identified as close contacts therefore there will be no outbreak testing for Residents and **our cautiously optimistic projected return to normal date of 10/21 remains intact.** We will continue our ongoing outbreak testing of Residents/Staff on Sunday and then on Wednesday. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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CEO, Administrator

October 18, 2021 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Isolation Unit Empty: We are thrilled to announce that our Isolation Unit is officially empty and everyone has successfully transitioned back to their private rooms. This is a major milestone which we are thankful to share with everyone. We only have one additional round of outbreak testing before our anticipated return to normal date of 10/21/21 becomes a reality!

Praise from ODA: In the midst of this initial covid outbreak, we were contact by the Regional Medical Director from the Ohio Department of Aging to discuss every aspect of what occurred at the facility before and during a time we all hoped never would have occurred. On a positive note, we received feedback that in his report, he cited the facility as having developed and implemented the best practices conceivable for Covid-19 and this is something we are very proud of and thank everyone in the Beechwood Family for being a part of its implementation.

Vaccine Clinic: Our next Vaccine Clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 26th. Moderna will be available for those starting a vaccination series and Pfizer will be available for those meeting the qualifications for a booster.

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

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).

October 30, 2021

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

Summary of Changes Since Last Notice: We are reporting one (1) Staff member with a confirmed positive PCR covid-19 test. This brings our total active cases to one (1). The facility has had a cumulative total of forty-two staff (42) and twelve (12) Resident confirmed Covid-19 cases 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. Zero (0) Residents were identified as close contacts therefore there will be no outbreak testing for Residents. Unvaccinated staff are required to be tested twice a week and we will continue voluntary surveillance monitoring of vaccinated staff weekly. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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