



## December 4, 2020 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

### **NEW INFORMATION PLEASE READ ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY**

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive cases of COVID-19 within our resident population.

#### **Covid-19 Vaccination:**

- On a positive note, the CDC recently recommended that Long Term Care Residents and Staff be included in the initial round of Covid-19 vaccination availability. The Ohio Department of Health is ultimately responsible for vaccination distribution in Ohio. This development, when implemented, will be another measure to protect those that reside at The Beechwood Home.
- To date there is no publicly available data regarding the various vaccines and their safety regarding special populations. We encourage Residents/POAs to contact their Neurologist if they have questions about a Covid-19 vaccine's safety pertaining to their unique neurological disease process.
- The facility has selected CVS pharmacy to administer a Covid-19 vaccine to our Residents and Staff when available. We anticipate that CVS pharmacy staff will be administering the vaccination in house. We will communicate the process in more details when it is available.

#### **Advanced Directives**

- During this unprecedented time, it is recommended that everyone residing in a Long Term Care facility have an identified Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care on file (or Guardianship when appropriate). Social Services is available to execute DPOA-HC documentation if requested. Social Services will also be reaching out to any Resident that does not have a DPOA-HC/Guardian on file to discuss.
- For family/friends that are the DPOA-HC for one of our Residents, please contact Social Services any time your contact information has changed.

**Resident Giving Tree:** We are happy to announce that we will be doing the annual Giving Tree for our residents this year virtually. Please visit this site <https://signup.com/go/HkXuFj>. Pull a tag and return the \$25 max gift, wrapped with a tag stating the number by December 18<sup>th</sup> before 4pm. Thanks for your willingness to bring our amazing residents joy during this holiday season.

Here is the link, please share with friends and family:

<https://signup.com/go/HkXuFjR>

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Per the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), we are required to suspend visitation at Beechwood until the county falls back below 10%. Hamilton County's positivity rate has risen to 14.7% through the week of 11/25. This is a 0.9% increase since last week's update and the county remains 'Red'.

If you would like to schedule video visitation, please email ([mr Randolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mr Randolph@beechwoodhome.com)) to request a session.

**Resident Mail:**

- Staff at the facility are happy to assist a Resident to open their mail when requested.
- Social Services are available to help a Resident determine if they need to keep or can throw away mail they receive when requested.
- If a Resident or POA prefer that a Resident's mail be managed off site, please contact Geraldine [gscott@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:gscott@beechwoodhome.com) to arrange for a mail pickup schedule.

**Outside Food Delivery Opportunity on Wednesdays:** If a Resident or family/friend places an order, please email Scot ([sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com)) and Megan ([mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com)) by 3:00 PM on Tuesday with the Resident name, restaurant or delivery app name, and estimated delivery time so we can anticipate the orders arriving and ensure staff are available to collect/deliver in a timely manner. **It is imperative that when you are placing your order that the delivery is to be taken to the BACK ENTRANCE of the facility. We will not accept any deliveries in the front of the building.**

As always, if you have any questions please contact Scot Harmon [sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com) (Administrator) and/or Patricia Clark [pclark@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:pclark@beechwoodhome.com) (CEO).

Scot Harmon,  
Administrator

Patricia A. Clark, DM  
CEO, Administrator



12/08/2020

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 cumulative total of fourteen (14) 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 a physician certifies they are safe to return to work. On a positive note, this staff member has been in quarantine due to close contact out in the community and has not been in the building since November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Action Plan.**

Our action plan will remain unchanged since this staff member has been in quarantine for the past two weeks.

**Contact us with questions.**

We know that this pandemic is particularly challenging for you. We empathize with your feelings of separation and vulnerability, and we want to thank you for your ongoing support and trust. 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



12/11/2020

Dear Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Summary of Changes Since Last Notice:**

We are reporting two (2) additional staff members who have tested positive. This brings our total active cases to three (3). The facility has had cumulative total of sixteen (16) confirmed Covid-19 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 a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

**Action Plan.**

Our revised action plan will mirror state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were rapid tested this morning. **We're happy to report that all results were negative.** We will test all residents again next week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert back to testing of staff only. The staff will continue to be tested twice a week until Hamilton County's positivity rate falls below 10%. The Nursing Department will communicate with any identified residents and their responsible parties. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

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CEO, Administrator



## December 11, 2020 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive cases of COVID-19 within our resident population.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination:**

- Covid-19 vaccinations administered within the facility will be voluntary and a consent form will need to be completed prior to administration.
- The CDC recently recommended that Long Term Care Residents and Staff be included in the initial round of Covid-19 vaccination availability. The Ohio Department of Health is ultimately responsible for vaccination distribution in Ohio. This development, when implemented, will be another measure to protect those that reside at The Beechwood Home.
- To date there is no publicly available data regarding the various vaccines and their safety regarding special populations. We encourage Residents/POAs to contact their Neurologist if they have questions about a Covid-19 vaccine's safety pertaining to their unique neurological disease process.
- The facility has selected CVS pharmacy to administer a Covid-19 vaccine to our Residents and Staff when available. We anticipate that CVS pharmacy staff will be administering the vaccination in house. We will communicate the process in more detail when it is available.

**Thank You!** We want to thank everyone for your patience this year, we realize how challenging it has been for all of you. And thank you for all of the wonderful donations for the staff holiday party, it was amazing and was enjoyed and appreciated by all!

**Resident Giving Tree:** We are happy to announce that we will be doing the annual Giving Tree for our residents this year virtually. Please visit this site <https://signup.com/go/HkXuFjR>. Pull a tag and return the \$25 max gift, wrapped with a tag stating the number by December 18<sup>th</sup> before 4pm. Thanks for your willingness to bring our amazing residents joy during this holiday season.

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Per the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), we are required to suspend visitation at Beechwood until the county falls back below 10%. Hamilton County's positivity rate has risen to 15.8% through the week of 12/02. This is a 1.1% increase since last week's update and the county remains 'Red'.

**Outside Food Delivery Opportunity on Wednesdays:** If a Resident or family/friend places an order, please email Scot ([sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com)) and Megan ([mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com)) by 3:00 PM on Tuesday with the Resident name, restaurant or delivery app name, and estimated delivery time so we can anticipate the orders arriving and ensure staff are available to collect/deliver in a timely manner. **It is imperative that when you are placing your order that the delivery is to be taken to the BACK ENTRANCE of the facility. We will not accept any deliveries in the front of the building.**

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Scot Harmon,  
Administrator

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CEO, Administrator



12/16/2020

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 three (3). The facility has had cumulative total of seventeen (17) confirmed Covid-19 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 a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

**Action Plan.**

Our revised action plan will mirror state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were rapid tested this morning. **We're happy to report that all results were negative.** We will test all residents again next week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert back to testing of staff only. The staff will continue to be tested twice a week until Hamilton County's positivity rate falls below 10%. The Nursing Department will communicate with any identified residents and their responsible parties. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

**Contact us with questions.**

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CEO, Administrator



## December 18, 2020 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive cases of COVID-19 within our resident population.

### **Benefit of Vaccination:**

- Some Residents may be wondering what the benefit of vaccination is if life here at Beechwood will not drastically change overnight. While we hope it never occurs, in the event an outbreak within the facility does happen, those who had received the vaccine would be better protected against the exposure and as a result less likely to develop symptoms.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination:**

- We are waiting to be contacted by CVS to schedule a date for administration of a Covid-19 vaccine. Once this has been scheduled, we will distribute a special update to everyone with this information.
- Prior to administration date, consent forms and information sheets regarding the vaccine will be made available on our website to review. Nursing will assist Residents in the completion of the consent form if they voluntarily choose to have the vaccine administered. POA's will be contacted directly for those Residents that are unable to complete a consent form.
- In addition to consulting with a Neurologist regarding the safety of the vaccine, please be aware that Dr. Huschart (Medical Director) and Craig Stein (Pharmacist) are available to answer any questions you may have about the vaccine.

**Resident Giving Tree:** Friendly reminder that giving tree gifts ideally would be dropped off by today by 4:00 PM. If this is not possible, it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so ASAP. Thanks for your willingness to bring our amazing residents joy during this holiday season. **Please ensure all items are wrapped with a tag stating the number.**

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Hamilton County's positivity rate has risen to 17.3%. This is a 1.5% increase since last week's update and the county remains 'Red'. We can resume this program when percentage falls below 10%.

**Outside Food Delivery Opportunity on Wednesdays:** If a Resident or family/friend places an order, please email Scot ([sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com)) and Megan ([mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com)) by 3:00 PM on Tuesday with the Resident name, restaurant or delivery app name, and estimated delivery time so we can anticipate the orders arriving and ensure staff are available to collect/deliver in a timely manner. **It is imperative that when you are placing your order that the delivery is to be taken to the BACK ENTRANCE of the facility. We will not accept any deliveries in the front of the building.**

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CEO, Administrator



## December 24, 2020 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive cases of COVID-19 within our resident population.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination:**

- We are still waiting to be contacted by CVS to schedule a date for administration of a Covid-19 vaccine. Once this has been scheduled, we will distribute a special update to everyone with this information.
- Prior to administration date, consent forms and information sheets regarding the vaccine will be made available on our website to review. Nursing will assist Residents in the completion of the consent form if they voluntarily choose to have the vaccine administered. POA's will be contacted directly for those Residents that are unable to complete a consent form.
- In addition to consulting with a Neurologist regarding the safety of the vaccine, please be aware that Dr. Huschart (Medical Director) and Dr. Stiens (Pharmacist) are available to answer any questions you may have about the vaccine.

**Holiday Cheer:** The facility is beautifully decorated with holiday spirit. The airwaves are filled with trivia contests and gift giveaways. Residents have enjoyed decadent crockpot hot chocolate and a mobile Christmas party will be occurring today as we deliver all the Giving Tree gifts along with sweet treats. Thank you to everyone who donated a gift and helped this tradition continue. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season during this unprecedented year.

**Gift Opening/Clothing Labeling:** Administrative staff will be available to assist Residents open gifts they have received. Friendly reminder that if the facility performs your personal laundry and you receive clothing items during the holidays, please give these items to Activities or Social Services to ensure that they can be **labeled before you wear them**.

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Hamilton County's positivity rate has **dropped** to 16.8%. This is a .5% decrease since last week's update and the county remains 'Red'. We can resume this program when percentage falls below 10%.

**Outside Food Delivery Opportunity on Wednesdays:** If a Resident or family/friend places an order, please email Scot ([sharmon@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:sharmon@beechwoodhome.com)) and Megan ([mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com](mailto:mrandolph@beechwoodhome.com)) by 3:00 PM on Tuesday with the Resident name, restaurant or delivery app name, and estimated delivery time so we can anticipate the orders arriving and ensure staff are available to collect/deliver in a timely manner. **It is imperative that when you are placing your order that the delivery is to be taken to the BACK ENTRANCE of the facility. We will not accept any deliveries in the front of the building.**

We want to thank everyone once again for your dedication to infection control guidelines and your understanding regarding the visitation program temporarily being suspended during a time when all we want to do is embrace a loved one. We are so fortunate to have kept covid-19 out of the facility and the vaccine will be administered soon. Your continued dedication will help get us through this last but difficult time of the pandemic. As always if you have any questions/comments/concerns, please contact myself, Scot Harmon (Administrator) or Patricia Clark (CEO).



12/25/2020

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 cumulative total of seventeen (18) 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 a physician certifies they are safe to return to work.

Action Plan.

Our revised action plan will mirror state and local guidance. Under this approach, all residents were rapid tested on Wednesday morning. **We're happy to report that all results were negative.** We will test all residents again next week and the following week. If all residents remain COVID-free throughout this period, we will revert back to testing of staff only. The staff will continue to be tested twice a week until Hamilton County's positivity rate falls below 10%. The Nursing Department will communicate with any identified residents and their responsible parties. Any subsequent positive test results will be communicated.

Contact us with questions.

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Scot Harmon,  
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CEO, Administrator



## December 31, 2020 Update

Residents/Family/Friends/Staff,

**Covid-19 Status:** We have had no known positive cases of COVID-19 within our resident population.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination:**

- We received **tentative** vaccination dates from a CVS scheduler and are waiting for a local CVS pharmacy to confirm these administration dates. Once these dates have been confirmed, we will begin the process of distributing consent forms. Please be aware that both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a two-step process.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Clinic – Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p (Round 1/Step 1)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Clinic – Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p (Round 1/Step 2 & Round 2/Step 1)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinic – Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 11a-5p (Round 2/Step 2)
- We do not know which vaccine will be administered to Residents and Staff to date.
- We want to emphasize that administration of this vaccine is voluntary however please be aware that once these three clinics have occurred, there may not be another opportunity to receive the vaccine until it is made available to additional groups that an individual may qualify for.
- In addition to consulting with a Neurologist regarding the safety of the vaccine, please be aware that Dr. Huschart (Medical Director) and Dr. Stiens (Pharmacist) are available to answer any questions you may have about the vaccine.

### **Help Keep Us Covid Free**

- If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or an upper respiratory infection, please stay away from the facility. For family/friends, delay any personal item drop offs until you are symptom free. For staff, inform a supervisor if you become symptomatic while at work immediately or if you wake up with symptoms please call the Supervisor and do not come into work until we have had the opportunity to perform a covid-19 test.

**Indoor Visitation Suspended:** Hamilton County's positivity rate has **dropped** to 16.0%. This is a .8% decrease since last week's update and the county remains 'Red'. We can resume this program when percentage falls below 10%.

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### **Happy New Year's Eve**

- From the bottom of our hearts, we want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for their strength, endurance and understanding during this unprecedented year. We are all feeling some degree of Covid fatigue as the year comes to an end and acknowledging our personal grief is understandable. The silver lining is that together we have kept our Residents free from this virus and this is truly remarkable under the circumstances. We ask that everyone dig a little deeper in 2021 and acknowledge that infection control, social distancing and wearing PPE is more important today than it has ever been. Together as a Beechwood Family we hope that 2021 restores a sense of normalcy and we can all be together again sooner than later.