

BEECHWOOD HOMES COVID-19 VISITATION PLAN—July 1, 2022

Beechwood has multiple options for visitation while your loved one is a resident. It is important to know that we are required to follow NY State Department of Health (DOH) as well as Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and protocols relative to infection control and visitation. At times, these various state and federal agencies may have conflicting guidance, but we ultimately have to follow the DOH guidelines. The most common example of this is the fact that **paper face masks must be worn at all times while visiting regardless of vaccination status.**

All visitors must adhere to the core principles of infection prevention and control: **Health & Temperature Screening, Negative Covid Test, Paper Face Masks (Source Control), Social/Physical Distancing, & Hand Hygiene.** If you do not have appropriate items, the facility will provide them to you. To successfully complete the screening process you must show proof of a negative COVID test result in the past day or if you visit daily then every third day.

Following current DOH and CDC guidance, upon admission all residents, regardless of COVID vaccination status, are placed on transmission based precautions (TBP) and a baseline COVID-19 PCR lab test is completed. Unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated residents will remain on TBP until ten (10) days after admission. Our current visitation guidelines are:

Outdoor Visitation

- If a family member of a resident that is not on quarantine or TBP wants to visit outdoors after completion of the screening process and showing a negative covid test per the DOH guidelines at reception, and then you can pick up the resident from their room. You and the resident must wear a mask while transporting through the facility. You can visit outside as follows:
 1. You can go outdoors via the Millersport entrance, but you need to sign the out on pass book as you leave and return consistent with our present procedure. You need to return to the facility no later than 7:30pm. Please note: If the outdoor visit will include multiple guests, then each guest is considered a visitor by the DOH and must screen at reception and show a negative covid test while one (1) family member gets the resident from their room to escort to the outdoor visit
 2. Between 1:30pm – 5:30pm daily, families can utilize the interior facility courtyards (Cummings, Hansen/Holzman, and Wesley) for an outdoor visit without the need for staff assistance and/or sign out. **However, this visit can only be for no more than two (2) family members at a time who have properly screened, etc.**
- **During all outdoor visits please maintain appropriate social distancing from any other resident/family and utilize a face mask whenever transporting through the facility and if nearby other residents/families**

Indoor Visitation

- Suggested Visitation hours will be: **Daily 11:00AM - 7:30PM**
- **Residents will be permitted Two (2) visitors at a time** for a suggested visit of one (1) hour but recommended not to exceed two (2) hours (Visitors can be any adult over 18 or minor accompanied by an adult—not just the personal caregivers)
- Visitors must walk directly to/from the resident's room and all **indoor visits will be in the residents room: You cannot take the resident out in the hallway and/or travel throughout the facility**
- **Visitors in a shared room must stay on their resident's side of the room and maintain distancing from the roommate, if visit cannot take place outside the shared room**
- Anyone who has COVID signs/symptoms, a positive COVID test, and/or meets quarantine criteria are not permitted to visit. Per CMS/DOH, a gathering of visitors in the same space and time where physical distancing cannot take place is to be avoided. Further, facilities should limit visitor movement in the facility, and visitors should not walk around different halls of the facility. A gathering with more than two (2) visitors at a time is considered a large gathering due to physical room constraints. A resident is permitted such a visit but the perspective visitors must contact the social worker in advance so that an appropriate location can be reserved to properly and safely accommodate the visit. We will be able to utilize the atrium and auditorium spaces for these types of visits

Pet Visitation

In order to initiate, you must pick up the **Pet Visitation** guidelines from the receptionist. Should you have any questions then please contact Holly Lange, Activities Director, directly at 716-810-7101 or via email at hlange@beechwoodcare.org

Compassionate Care Visitation

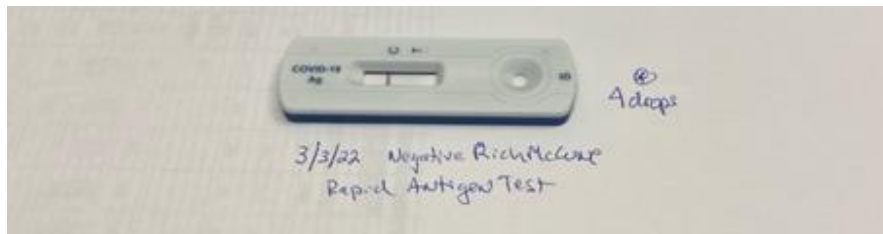
- Compassionate caregiving visitation, for those residents nearing end of life, is permitted for two (2) designated visitors at a time per visit duration
 - Daily: 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Window Visits

Are permissible during daylight hours and allow for visitation at the resident's window—only if all visitors wear masks, can the window be open. NOTE: Visitors are not permitted to enter the resident's room by climbing through the window.

At Home Covid Test

- All visitors must provide proof that they have received a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result one day prior to visitation for antigen tests and two days prior to visitation for PCR tests. This means, for example, that a test for a Sunday visit should be conducted no earlier than Saturday if it's an antigen test or Friday if a PCR test. To provide proof, please bring in a copy of your test from a testing center and/or take a picture of your negative test labeled with your name, date, result, and type of test as shown in this picture:



Note: We recommend that you test the date of your visit and then that test would still be good for the next day visit

- For visitors who come daily, you are only required to show a negative test result every third day. So if you test on Monday and visit, then the next day you need to perform a new test would be Thursday
- Any line or discoloration, no matter how faint, on the positive indicator (T) and a line on the negative indicator (C) is considered a positive test result and you will not be allowed to enter the facility and/or visit until completion of the necessary quarantine period
- If there is no line on the negative indicator (C) and a line on the positive indicator (T) only then this test is considered invalid and cannot be accepted, but you are free to take a new test
- You can obtain an OTC COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test kit from the screening table while supplies remain available from the DOH
- Children accompanied by an adult are permitted to visit but any child five (5) or older must also show proof of a negative test
- **IF YOU CANNOT OR WILL NOT PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AT THE SCREENING TABLE PRIOR TO VISITATION, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FACILITY ACCESS AND NO VISITATION**