

**PROTOCOLS
RESIDENT DEPARTURE FROM MHCO CAMPUSES
MENNONITE HOME COMMUNITIES OF OHIO
COVID-19 PANDEMIC 2021**

ALL PLANS MAY BE SUSPENDED, PENDING COUNTY LEVEL OF COVID-19 POSITIVITY OR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL MANDATES ISSUED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE PROTOCOLS.
ALL PLANS MAY BE SUSPENDED DUE TO POSITIVE COVID TESTS OF RESIDENTS OR STAFF.

The following protocols have been established to protect residents, family members and staff and to follow CMS and ODH guidelines for COVID-19 containment and public health regulations. While all residents will have the opportunity to leave a MHCO campus, there are notable differences in protocols dependent on receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine. Families and Residents must be able to follow the protocols.

Each of the following effective dates are 14 days after a 2nd vaccine could have been received at each campus. **For the following protocols, each campus must be past the effective dates of: Mennonite Memorial Home – February 22nd, Hilty Home – February 22nd, Willow Ridge – February 23rd, Maple Crest – February 24th.**

Leaving campus:

- **Leaving:** Residents will be asked to complete a sign out sheet and have their temperature taken prior to leaving the campus. Name of resident, location of travel, expected return time to campus and temperature will be recorded. Upon return, temperature, time of return, and information regarding potential exposure will be recorded. *This information is collected and retained in the event contact tracing is necessary.*
- **Timeframes:** Resident may leave and return to campus at will. Overnight visits or travel are not recommended due to community spread of COVID-19.
- **Masks:** Residents should put on a mask before leaving the property (procedural mask preferred). Procedure masks will be made available to a resident prior to leaving the building. Masks should be worn at all times by a resident and all family members/friends present at a gathering.
- **Number of visitors:** MHCO, in accordance with state and federal guidance, recommends that gatherings attended by a resident be fewer than 10 people, with all present from the same household.
- **Visit length:** Length of visits are at the discretion of residents. Overnight visits are not recommended at this time.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Residents and families should use good hand hygiene before, during and after visits. Residents will not be required to shower and change clothes after return to campus unless there has been an exposure to illness (COVID-19 or other) while away.
- **Social Distancing:** Whenever possible, residents and family members should practice social distancing from one another during a visit.

Returning to a MHCO Campus residence:

- **Masks:** Masks must be worn when returning to a campus and entering the campus's main building.
- **Returning to main building:** Residents must sign in, have their temperature taken and complete the screening log.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Residents must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon their arrival back to their campus.

- **Quarantine:**

- For residents who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and have surpassed 14 days following their second dose – there will be no quarantine period.
- For residents who have begun the vaccine process but have not received a second dose and/or have not surpassed 14 days following receipt of their second dose - they must quarantine in their apartment for 14 days to lessen the exposure risk to residents and staff. The 14 day quarantine timeline will begin again each time residents in this situation leave campus. During a time of quarantine, residents will not be permitted to leave their apartment.
- For residents who have chosen not to receive the vaccine – they must quarantine in their apartment for 14 days each time they leave campus to lessen the exposure risk to residents and staff. The 14 day quarantine timeline will begin again each time residents in this situation leave campus. During a time of quarantine, residents will not be permitted to leave their apartment.

Indoor Visitation:

- Indoor visitation options will continue at all MHCO campus main buildings. There will be no revision to the indoor visitation protocols at this time.

The following protocols will remain in effect until revised guidelines are release from state and federal agencies:

- Visitors are not permitted to enter any MHCO campus main building beyond designated indoor visitation spaces. Scheduled indoor visitations and compassion visits will continue.
- Residents, regardless of receipt of vaccine, must continue to wear a mask in any public space of a campus.
- Residents, regardless of receipt of vaccine, must continue to practice social distancing.
- Social gatherings/planned programs & activities will be limited to groups of 10 or less.

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