

**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.

Current ODH Order: **Director's Seventh Amended Order to Permit Access to Ohio's Nursing Homes, with Exceptions**

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 frequent 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 (> 6 ft. apart) 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 Guidelines and Exceptions:**

- **Residents fully vaccinated** (received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and have surpassed 14 days following the second dose) No quarantine period required.
- **Residents NOT fully vaccinated** (no vaccine received or who have begun the vaccine process but have not received a second dose and/or have not surpassed 14 days following receipt of full dose) must quarantine in their room or apartment for 14 days to lessen risk of exposure to residents and staff. The 14-day quarantine timeline will begin again each time residents in this category leave campus. During a time of quarantine, residents will not be permitted to leave their room or apartment.

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