

February 15, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,



What a great day we had on Friday! The Hug Huts were a great success. **We had more than 120 visitors at our five hut locations.** Many tears, many laughs, and of course, many hugs were shared! Thanks to everyone who made the day a success. Here is a view of some of the visits.

We hope to be able to open Deupree House and Cottages for indoor visits as early as Wednesday this week. Indoor visits can begin when the Center for Medicare and Medicaid

(CMS) updates the community rate this week for Hamilton County. We see that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has updated their website to reflect the positivity rate below 10% for the county. Therefore, we anticipate our governing body, CMS, to follow suit soon. The other criterion we need to continue to meet is having no positive cases of residents or staff in the last 14 days, which we meet today.

The following is a recap of the indoor visits for Deupree House and Cottages based on the criteria for Ohio:

- Visits will be held in the Deupree House Chapel for Deupree House and in-room 103 for the Cottages. Visitors must meet the staff at the exterior side door to the left of the Craftsman front door when facing the building.
- Only two visitors are allowed per visit. Each visitor must be over the age of 2, wear a mask during the visit, and maintain social distancing.
- Each visitor will receive a COVID-19 rapid test before the visit. The visitor must be able to swab themselves and wait for the results outside or in their vehicle. Tests take 15 minutes to process. We will provide the test at no cost to the visitors at this time.
- Because of the testing requirement, the visits will be approximately 30 minutes in length,

scheduled on the hour. For example:

- Visitors arrive at 10:00 a.m.
  - The visitor performs a self-swab and returns to the car to await test results.
  - Visitor will be notified of test result via cell phone. If visitors test negative, the visit begins around 10:15 a.m.
  - The visit must end no later than 10:50 a.m. to allow for sanitation between visits.
- Visitors will be spaced 10 feet away from the resident without a barrier.
  - Due to masks needing to be worn at all times during the visit, food and beverages are not able to be permitted during visits.
  - Because of twice-weekly testing for all staff and resident programming, visits will be offered 3-4 days a week.
  - Residents will be able to have one in-person visit per two-week period for the first several weeks to allow for all families to be reunited. The same sign up process will be used to reserve visit times via SignUp Genius – [www.signupgenius.com/go/dhvisits](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/dhvisits)
  - Residents cannot participate in visits while in quarantine.
  - Lastly, indoor visits will be changed to window visits if a resident or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 or if CMS lists Hamilton County's positivity rate at 10% or higher.

We have waited for indoor visits for a long time! I am hopeful that visits will begin this week and will communicate as soon as CMS gives us the green light!

Sincerely,



Laura Lamb  
President & CEO