

Helen Purcell

Policies and Procedures

Department: ALL

Subject: Random COVID-19 Testing for Vaccinated Staff and Residents

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It is the policy of the Helen Purcell Home to strive to minimize and/or prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) through our facility. Helen Purcell is following the policies of the Ohio Department of Health, the recommendations of the Muskingum County Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and our Medical Director as they relate to Residential Care Facilities.

The following procedures are to be followed:

1. Helen Purcell will test all employees per CDC guidelines or bi-weekly due to the surge with the new Omicron variants. The Omicron variants likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and how easily it spreads compared to the Delta remains unknown. As COVID positive results decrease/increase Helen Purcell will adjust testing based on community transmission rate.
2. Helen Purcell will test all residents due to breakthrough COVID-19 cases from the Delta & Omicron variants. Each resident or residents' family will be asked to consent to testing prior to the day of testing.