



## The Bellevue Hospital Listed with a Five-Star Overall Rating



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The Bellevue Hospital has recently been listed with a five-star overall rating on the care compare website powered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The overall star rating is based on how well a hospital performs across different areas of quality.

“We are very happy to see this overall quality rating,” said Timothy A. Buit, TBH’s president and chief executive officer. “A special thanks to our physicians and employees for their dedication to provide safe, quality care to our patients and community daily.”

This overall rating shows how individual hospitals perform compared to all hospitals across the country for the five groups or categories of quality measures that make up the overall star rating. The categories include mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency that runs the Medicare program, created the care compare tool in collaboration with organizations representing people with Medicare, hospice organizations, other stakeholders, and other federal agencies. Although the tool was created for people with Medicare in mind, many of the measures shown here apply to people who may not have Medicare.

**For more information, visit [medicare.gov/care-compare](http://medicare.gov/care-compare).**

Earlier this year, The Bellevue Hospital also was named one of America’s Best Hospitals in Emergency Care and Patient Safety by the Women’s Choice Award.

## Upcoming Morning Health Breaks

June 21 • July 12 • July 26  
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Bellevue Society for the Arts  
205 Maple St., Bellevue

- Free Blood Pressure and Fasting Glucose Checks
- A1C Screening (\$10)
- Lipid Panel Screening (\$15)
- TSH (Thyroid) Screening (\$20)
- PSA (Prostate) Screening (\$25)

A registered nurse will be available to answer health questions. Appointments are required and all attendees should wear their own cloth face coverings upon arrival to the event.

To schedule an appointment, call 419.483.4040, Ext. 6610. Deadline to register is at least one week prior to the event. For a full list of Morning Health Breaks, visit [bellevuehospital.com](http://bellevuehospital.com).

## New Visitor Guidelines Announced

The Bellevue Hospital (TBH) has recently updated visitor restrictions to include one visitor per day for non-COVID patients in all areas of the hospital and TBH affiliated buildings.

“Patients and visitors are still asked to wear a cloth face covering upon entering and traveling within the hospital and TBH affiliated buildings,” said Sara Brokaw, TBH’s vice president of patient care services. “By wearing a cloth mask, this provides an added layer of protection to our patients, visitors and staff.”

TBH’s Main Entrance, which faces Route 20, and the East Cardiopulmonary Entrance have reopened as a way for patients and visitors to enter the hospital. The doors will be open to the public from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. At this time, the Main Station Café will remain closed to the public.

“After a year of many service changes and closures, we are happy to be able to open these entrances to our patients and visitors,” said Timothy A. Buit, TBH’s president and chief executive officer.

In addition, Patient Entrance A and the Emergency Department Entrance B remain open. Both of these entrances are located near the County Road 302 entrance to the hospital. Outpatients and visitors may check in at the Patient Entrance A if visiting before 6 p.m. and the Emergency Department Entrance B after 6 p.m. and on weekends.

“As more community members are vaccinated and numbers continue to decrease, we will assess our processes and adjust them as needed,” Buit said. “We thank our community for their continued support and cooperation as we navigate through this ever-changing pandemic.”

## Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Process

The Bellevue Hospital recently updated its COVID-19 vaccination process and transitioned the vaccine clinics to a new location at 1400 W. Main St., Suite E, in the medical offices behind the hospital.

In addition, instead of signing up to be on a wait list, **eligible individuals can call 419.484.5967 directly to make an appointment.** Pre-registration is required to receive the vaccine. Walk-in appointments are currently not available. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them.

“As a vaccine provider, we have been offering vaccines since January 18 at the hospital,” said Timothy A. Buit, TBH’s president and chief executive officer. “By transitioning to this new location, we are hoping it will streamline the process even more.”

Due to high call volumes, you may be asked to leave a voicemail when calling the vaccine scheduling phone line. Please be assured that a TBH staff member will return the call to schedule your appointment.

“We thank our staff who has stepped up to help with these vaccination clinics,” said Buit. “It has definitely been a team effort from a variety of departments that has made our clinics successful.”

Per the Ohio Department of Health, individuals ages 12 and older (with parent or legal guardian consent) are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which is the only COVID-19 vaccine currently authorized for use for people ages 12 – 17. Currently, no COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for use in children under the age of 12.

For more information regarding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and frequently asked questions, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).



# The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Eases Masking Mandates

Information as of May 14, 2021



On May 13, 2021, the CDC issued guidance that individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can resume activities that they did before the pandemic without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state and local laws, including local business and workplace guidelines. **Among the specific exceptions cited**

**by the CDC are healthcare facilities, which will still be under mask and other safety protocols.**

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

According to the CDC, if you've been fully vaccinated:

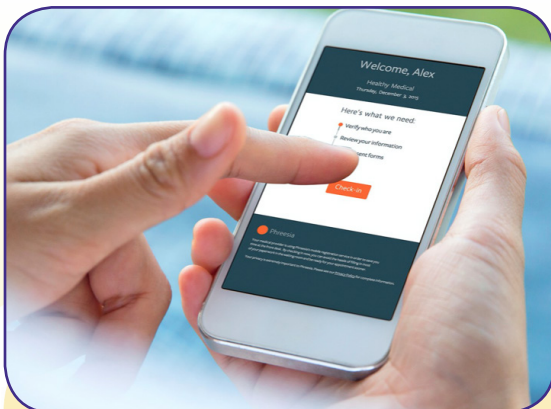
- You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- You can resume activities without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

- If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.
- You need to pay close attention to the situation at your international destination before traveling outside the United States.
  - You do NOT need to get tested before leaving the United States unless your destination requires it.
  - You still need to show a negative test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding an international flight to the United States.
  - You should get tested 3-5 days after international travel.
  - You do NOT need to self-quarantine after arriving in the United States.
- If you travel, you should still take steps to protect yourself and others. You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
  - However, if you live or work in a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

**For more information on the CDC's recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).**



## Mobile Registration Now Available for Great Lakes Physicians Offices



Our Great Lakes Physicians offices now offer mobile registration, which allows you to confirm your appointment via text message or email, and check in online prior to your appointment. You can also check in on your own device when you arrive. When you call to schedule your next appointment with one of our GLP offices, ask about using mobile registration to make your next visit simpler and faster.

The Bellevue Hospital's medical group, Great Lakes Physicians, offers highly trained medical providers specializing in Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics, Pulmonology and Podiatric Surgery.

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**TBH Foundation Awards Service Scholarship to Bellevue Student**

*Congratulations!*



*Dennis Sabo, TBH Foundation Director, recently presented Taylor Baxter, a senior at Bellevue High School, a \$1,000 Service Scholarship to use this fall while attending Ohio Northern University.*

The Bellevue Hospital Foundation's Annual Support Committee each year considers student volunteers for the \$1,000 Volunteer Scholarship. This scholarship – in a normal year – is awarded to a graduating senior who has logged at least 100 volunteer hours at The Bellevue Hospital during their senior year in high school, has at least a 3.0 GPA, and who has volunteered at the hospital for a minimum of two years.

With all the COVID-19 safety protocols in place during 2020 and into 2021, the hospital temporarily suspended the volunteer program for both students and adults. So this year, the Annual Support Committee instead granted a \$1,000 Service Scholarship to Taylor Baxter, a Bellevue High School senior who met all of the above requirements while working at the hospital over the past 12 months. Join us in congratulating Taylor, who will be attending Ohio Northern University in the fall to major in a health-related field and play collegiate volleyball.

**For more details on The Bellevue Hospital Foundation's programs and how you can help support TBH and the community, visit [tbhfoundation.com](http://tbhfoundation.com) or call TBH Foundation Director Dennis Sabo at Ext. 4319.**