

BERKS HEIM COVID STATUS UPDATE: August 16, 2021

Berks Heim currently has no positive resident cases of COVID-19. All residents that previously tested for COVID-19 are now recovered.

One hundred ninety-two (192) staff have tested positive since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of 7/18/2021, the facility has met the goal of reaching 14 days is without any additional COVID-19 cases. Testing for staff is currently based on the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) county positivity rates. We will adjust testing of staff to once a month due to the Berks County positivity rate for COVID-19 cases being below 5%.

We will no longer be testing residents weekly as Berks Heim is no longer in an outbreak status in accordance with CMS guidance. Any resident that presents with symptoms will be tested.

Berks Heim is currently offering pre-scheduled outdoor visitation and indoor visitation for those residents residing on “Green” areas of the facility (COVID Unexposed Zones) only. Indoor visitation will take place in the facility auditorium/chapel areas on the first floor. If you interested in scheduling an outdoor or indoor visit or are unsure of the status of a nursing unit, please contact Social Services or the Activity Department to schedule a visit or inquire.

Compassionate/end of life visitation will continue through requests reviewed by the Director of Nursing.