

BERKS HEIM COVID STATUS UPDATE: May 6, 2021

Berks Heim currently has one (1) positive resident case of COVID-19. The positive testing date was on 4/28/2021. The two (2) additional cases reported yesterday 5/5/21 resulted in false positives following laboratory testing, therefore they are negative. All other residents that previously tested for COVID-19 are now recovered.

One hundred ninety (190) staff have tested positive since the beginning of the pandemic. One (1) staff member tested positive on 5/03/2021, one (1) staff member tested positive on 5/04/2021, one (1) staff member tested positive on 5/05/2021, and one (1) staff member tested positive on 5/06/2021.

As of 04/05/2021, we are now completing testing of staff twice a week due to the Berks County positivity rate for COVID-19 cases above 10%.

We will continue to test all residents weekly for a minimum of two weeks in response to staff and/or resident positive results.

Indoor visitation is currently on hold to protect the health and safety of the Berks Heim Residents due to recent COVID-19 positive cases. We are offering pre-scheduled outdoor visitation for those residents residing on “Green” areas of the facility (COVID Unexposed Zones) only. If you interested in scheduling an outdoor 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.

Indoor Visitation may resume when all residents and staff test negative to COVID-19 for a minimum of two weeks.

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