

BERKS HEIM COVID STATUS UPDATE: April 12, 2023

Our current Coronavirus update:

Residents: 0 active cases Staff: 1 active case

****This notice will be updated on a weekly basis unless new COVID-19 cases are identified**

Due to positive cases of COVID-19 identified in the facility on 04/8/2023 we have begun the process of Contact Tracing as our outbreak response method. We will continue testing per the latest guidance for the contact tracing outbreak response method.

While visitation remains open for residents, we are asking everyone to please follow the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention to minimize the spread. We are also recommending limiting visitors to 2 visitors at a time to comply with social distancing in the facility.

CMS made changes to COVID-19 testing guidance on 9/23/2022. Berks Heim will be following the newly released guidance. If a future outbreak is identified the facility will perform outbreak investigation testing. Routine testing of asymptomatic staff and residents is no longer recommended but may be performed at the discretion of the facility. Any staff member or resident that presents with COVID-19 symptoms will be tested.

Visitation remains open for all residents at Berks Heim. We continue to recommend that all visitors follow the core principles of infection prevention which include: Getting Vaccinated against COVID-19 with all recommended doses, Hand Hygiene, Wearing a Face Covering, and Social Distancing with at least six feet between people.

Our recommended visiting hours are 8:00am to 8:00pm. Visitors of Berks Heim will continue to be screened prior to visits and the use of a face mask is still required.

Visitors must also sign in and out at each nursing unit when entering to visit their loved one. We ask that you please limit visitor movement in the facility and go directly to your visiting area in the facility.

If you are sick or think you might have COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19, please do not visit until you have met the criteria for ending quarantine in order to protect the health and safety of the residents at Berks Heim.