



**WEEKLY UPDATE**

**7.16.2020**

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as an update on the status of COVID-19 in our facility and what we are doing to keep our residents and staff safe during this ongoing pandemic. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 68 residents and 33 staff members test positive for COVID-19. At this time, we have no COVID-19 positive cases in our facility, which includes residents and staff members. We have started the weekly mass testing for all staff and residents. We are told we should expect results anywhere from Thursday to Sunday and we will notify you accordingly.

Thank you for your support and know that we are committed to our residents, staff and our industry. We are deeply saddened by those lives that have been lost due to this pandemic.

As the number of coronavirus cases throughout the country are rapidly changing, we continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

Please also remember what you can do to help stop community spread of this virus, such as practicing hand hygiene and social distancing, practicing proper cough etiquette, using face masks, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

Please continue to check our website for weekly updates as well as notification of new cases. As always, we will notify you if we receive confirmation of a new positive case in our facility and we will reach out to you individually if your loved one is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us directly at 410.641.4400.

Sincerely,

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## WEEKLY UPDATE

7.23.2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 68 residents and 33 staff members test positive for COVID-19.

At this time we have no COVID19 positive cases in our facility, which includes residents and staff.

On 7.13.2020 we started the weekly mass testing to be conducted every Monday & Tuesday. We received results and all residents and staff tested were negative. On 7.21.2020 we completed our second week of mass testing.

Our staff is committed and dedicated in providing care to our residents. We thank all families and RP for allowing us to take care of their loved one. We are deeply saddened by those lives that have been lost due to this pandemic.

As you might already know, the federal government announced last week that it is going to send point-of-care testing supplies for COVID-19 to all skilled nursing facilities in the country. We hope this means better access to testing and faster results for our staff and residents, but we will keep you posted as we get more information and details on this development. As always, we are working hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we will continue to practice the enhanced safety precautions that are known to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as only essential personnel are allowed inside the facility and we screen them for signs and symptoms of illness prior to entering. Our residents are continually monitored and staff is using PPE as recommended by the CDC. Staff is frequently reminded and encouraged to practice social distancing and to use hand sanitizer and frequently wash their hands when they are in the facility and out in the community. We ask them not to report to work if they have symptoms of illness.

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## WEEKLY UPDATE

7.30.2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

Please accept this letter as our weekly update regarding the status of COVID-19 in our facility. Since the onset of this virus, we have had 68 residents and 33 staff members test positive for COVID-19. At this time we have no residents or staff COVID19 positive cases in our facility. This week was the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of weekly testing for staff and there were no new positive cases. We have had no new resident cases since 6.17.2020.

We want to THANK YOU for your support and understanding during this difficult time. We want to honor and remember those residents that are no longer with us. We remember them fondly and send our prayers to the their families.

We are working on a modified visitations so you can visit with your loved one. We are creating policies and procedure to submit to the Health Department for approval in the coming week.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

7.9.2020

Dear Residents and Families/Representatives,

We hope everyone had a fun and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend! Over the holiday, and always, our staff works hard to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our facility.

As of today, 68 residents and 33 staff members have tested positive for COVID19 and we had no new confirmed cases last week. Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center administered mass testing of all staff and residents in May and June. As we continue to adhere to federal, state and local health department guidelines, we are preparing to administer another mass testing. We are working with the state appointed lab to set a standard testing for staff and residents and will keep you informed as we receive more information.

We want to extend our gratitude to all families and responsible parties that have allowed us to provide care for their loved ones. We sincerely express our deepest condolences to our families whose loved one is no longer with us due to this terrible Pandemic.

We continue to follow our federal, state and local health officials' recommendations and guidance for all appropriate precautions and preventative measures that we have reported to you on our website and previous weekly updates.

With the growing number of COVID-19 cases in certain areas of the country, it is also important to remember what you can do to help prevent community spread of the virus. You should wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid close contact with people who are sick and people who don't live in your household by maintaining six feet of distance between you and them, cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others, cover coughs and sneezes using the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

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