

New COVID 19 Policy – Masks and Vaccinations

Lifeline of Berks County has always and will continue to operate with excellence in a manner that includes high standards of cleanliness and care. As such, Lifeline will continue to disinfect all pens, clipboards, surfaces, equipment, and facilities that clients could come in contact with while visiting the center. Lifeline has set a high standard in our field by utilizing a high-level disinfectant system in the sanitizing of our ultrasound's vaginal transducer (probe) and that high standard will be maintained in our sanitization procedures.

We will continue to ask all clients to stay home if they have signs of COVID infection or other illness. Our receptionist will continue to take temperatures of clients upon entering the building, and we also ask all clients and their support persons to IMMEDIATELY use the hand sanitizer provided.

Lifeline of Berks County operates on the belief that if women are given the information they need, they will make the best choice for themselves and their unborn children. As such, aware that there is plenty of information from a variety of sources about the pros and cons of the COVID19 shots, Lifeline does not require employees or clients to be vaccinated. Therefore, all persons, staff and clients, shall take the precautions that **they** deem necessary to protect their health and that of others. Please understand that non-vaccinated persons bear the burden of risk of COVID infection and should think about how they will protect themselves. Please be very careful about monitoring your symptoms and those of your support person and/or your children.

That said, **masks will no longer be required in the center**. Some of our staff may be wearing them because they feel safer doing so. You may certainly wear a mask if you feel safer doing so. If your staff person is not wearing a mask and you would prefer that he/she does so, please ask. All staff are happy to wear PPE for the comfort of our clients and their support persons.