



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WEARING FACEMASKS**

On March 31, 2020, the IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) released “Interim Recommendations” for the wearing of facemasks at all times during work shifts by those working in group living facilities. **Universal masking will reduce the risk of transmission from staff who may be carrying the COVID-19 virus but are asymptomatic (have no visible symptoms).**

In order to optimize our current supply of facemasks, we will apply an extended use procedure, and all staff are going to be in-serviced on this beginning April 2.

Therefore, as of 4/2/2020 until further notice, all Marklund nurses, PSPs, housekeepers, house parents, and other staff providing resident services will wear a facemask at all times, using the guidelines described in the new Extended Use of Procedure or Surgical Mask policy.

The policy and procedure guidelines are based on CDC Recommended Guidelines and will be released to all staff as of 4/2/2020.

We are continuing to stay current on the latest recommendations from IDPH and the CDC to maintain the health and safety of our residents and staff. It is our first and most important responsibility. We currently have adequate PPE stock and are working hard to make sure that we continue to have the best possible protection available.

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