



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

July 24, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

- **MANDATORY QUARANTINE FOR TRAVELERS**

To protect our residents and staff, we have decided to follow the City of Chicago/Cook County's Emergency Travel Order and implementing a **mandatory 14-day quarantine period for staff who will be returning from any state determined to be a hot spot for COVID-19. Our policy specifically focuses on travel to a high-risk state for 72 hours or more.** This requirement is included in the most recent update to our Temporary Modified Absence Policy and effective Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Specific details regarding the quarantine is included in the Policy, which was emailed to all staff today, Friday, July 24. Be sure to read our updated policy in its entirety.

Any parents or guardians who plan on visiting with our residents will also be required to follow this policy by waiting 14 days after returning from a high risk state before coming to a Marklund site to see their loved ones.

As of today, the high risk states are:

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah. You can also click on this link which will take you to the updated list of high risk states:

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html>

If you have any questions regarding this new requirement, please feel free to contact me at gfonger@marklund.org or at 630-593-5476.

Regards,

GILBERT FONGER, President & CEO