



## Important Update re: COVID-19

*from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

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- **One staff tests positive at Wasmond Center**

I was informed this morning that one direct care employee at the Marklund Wasmond Center has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The last shift this person worked was Wednesday, Oct. 14, on the Center's South Side.

Administration and nursing have already begun the contact tracing process for determining which staff will need to get tested. **Employees will be notified by Michelle Orwig, administrator, or by a member of the Nursing Department if contact tracing shows a potential exposure situation.**

Working with the Cook County Health Department and following IDPH guidelines, our nursing team will conduct tests on all residents who may have been exposed.

Due to the positive case, MWC has been moved back to Phase 1 of the IDPH Long-Term Care Reopening Plan, only allowing virtual visits.

- **No new cases on Geneva Campus**

Also, this morning we received all negative test results from additional staff testing completed last week in our Geneva locations. There are no new additional cases as of today on the Geneva campus.

Residents and affected staff from the Tommy and Dreher homes will be retested again today, while the Sayers Home will hopefully have the final round of testing on Wednesday. Each home has to be free of positive cases for 14 days and receive two rounds of negative results in order to be moved up to Phase 2.

The Marklund Richard Home advanced to Phase 2 as of this morning, Oct. 19.

I will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

Regards,

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