



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **COVID case updates:**

- Marklund Wasmond Center (MWC), Elgin: No new positive cases. Residents on the North Side of MWC were tested yesterday and we anticipate receiving results Saturday. - Marklund Philip Center (MPC), Bloomingdale, and Marklund Hyde Center (MHC), Geneva: No new positive cases.

- **Looking Back**

- This year has been one to remember...and one we wish we could forget. There's no doubt that Marklund was a different place prior to March 12, when Gov. Pritzker shut down the state. But we faced this global pandemic head on, adjusted to the new norm, and in many ways have come out stronger for it.

At last count, 49 Marklund employees, including those in our Day School, tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, with only a couple of cases needing hospitalization. And, only 8 residents—less than 5 percent of our total resident population—tested positive, none needing to be hospitalized and most were asymptomatic. That speaks very highly of how well our staff has been able to come and go day after day into the world and stay as safe and healthy as possible. Yes, some staff contracted the virus, but due to the safety procedures we put in place it rarely spread to our residents over the past 10 months.

Looking in the rearview mirror, we must admit that some important positives have come out of this past year. We:

- implemented new procedures for health screening of staff/visitors
- developed new HR attendance policies for managing crisis situations
- are well stocked with PPEs in preparation for current and future needs
- have developed virtual options for therapy sessions, MDS education, staff meetings, and family/volunteer visits
- have made significant building improvements

- **Looking forward**

The vaccine is coming. We don't know when yet for MHC or MWC but it is coming, and with it, hopefully a return to some form of the Marklund organization that we were nearly 10 months ago. We hope everyone considers taking the vaccine and encouraging others who are on the fence about it to do so as well.

As we bid a welcome good-bye to 2020, I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy new year.

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CURRENT STATUS PER SITE

| | MHH | MVH | MSH | MTH | MDH | MRH | MPC | MWC |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CMS Phase | 1 <i>starting 12/13/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 12/13/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 10/21/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 10/16/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 10/21/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 11/9/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 11/10/2020</i> | 1 <i>starting 10/22/2020</i> |
| IDPH Mitigation Tier | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 | 3 11/20/2020 |
| Visitation | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window | Virtual & Window |
| Current* Positive Residents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Current* Positive Staff | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rounds of Testing to be completed | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

**indicates resident or staff member currently isolating for COVID*