



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **Policy Adjustment for Compassionate Care Visits**

With us coming up on the one-year anniversary of the statewide shutdown, and with most of our eligible residents vaccinated and all of our locations allowing indoor visitation, we have expanded on our Compassionate Care Visit Policy. We feel that we can now safely allow identified compassionate care visitors to have limited closer contact with their loved ones. Parent/guardians who believe that their loved one would benefit physically or emotionally from a visit that allows contact such as hand-holding or hugs, may make specific requests to the facility's Administrator, Director of Nursing or QIDP.

All requests will be reviewed and considered individually as part of our person-centered approach. Very specific guidelines will need to be followed by visitors, including participating in phone and on-site screening, and possibly even rapid testing, wearing required PPE (personal protection equipment) that is supplied by Marklund, following all infection prevention guidelines during contact, and limiting the visit to a specific time and area within the building. All policy guidelines can be shared by the site administrators. Again, all visits must be prearranged to allow us to safely allow a limited number of visitors in the building when staffing allows.

- **No new COVID cases; moving to once/month testing**

Again this week, there have not been any new positive COVID-19 cases reported from the surveillance testing at our sites or from offsite situations. Due to the low positive rate in the area, MWC has been given permission to reduce surveillance testing of staff to just once per month. If MHC stays on track with no new cases, it too will move to once/month testing as of March 22. DuPage County Health Department however is requiring that MPC continue with its once a week surveillance testing.

- **Vaccine Progress:**

MHC and MWC each have 1 more COVID-19 vaccine clinic arranged for employees and residents: **Geneva: March 26. Elgin: March 29.**

With the warmer weather, our residents have been able to enjoy more time outside as part of their CDS activities. After nearly a full year of dealing with this pandemic, everyone is looking forward to getting off campus hopefully in the near future as we are able to do outings safely.

Regards,

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CURRENT STATUS PER SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC
CMS (IDPH) Phase	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	2 <i>starting 3/3/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/2/21</i>
IDPH Mitigation Tier	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Visitation	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual
Current* Positive Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current* Positive Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rounds of Testing to be completed	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing

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

^not a facility-based case