



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **Increased regional positivity rates force weekly testing**

According to new data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid and IDPH, with both Geneva and Bloomingdale's regions moving into the 'yellow' zone starting today due to increasing COVID-19 positivity rates, we will be required to do **weekly testing** of staff at both the Hyde Center and the Philip Center. In addition, **eye protection is once again required for all staff working with residents** in Geneva or Bloomingdale (regardless of vaccination status). Employees should check with their nursing teams to find out when testing will be held.

Wasmond Center's region has not moved into a higher zone yet and may be able to stay in monthly testing if the numbers don't jump, but they have been slowly moving up as well. Unfortunately, if trends keep moving in a negative direction, we should prepare for MWC ending back in weekly testing, but hopefully at least not for a couple weeks.

- **No new positive cases on site at MPC**

All MPC residents and staff tested negative for the COVID-19 virus last week, after discovering the one positive staff case last Tuesday. All residents will be tested again this week, along with staff.

I know this isn't the direction we wanted to move in, but hopefully with more vaccines being provided to residents in Illinois, it is just a temporary bump in the road. In the meantime, be assured we are doing everything possible to keep our residents, students and staff safe and healthy.

Regards,

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CURRENT STATUS PER SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC
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	Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual
Current* Positive Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current* Positive Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rounds of Outbreak Testing to be completed	0 surveillance testing (once/month)	0 surveillance testing (once/month)	0 surveillance testing (once/month)	0 surveillance testing (once/month)	0 surveillance testing (once/month)	0 surveillance testing (once/month)	1 Outbreak Testing	0 surveillance testing (once/month)

*Indicates resident or staff member currently isolating for COVID diagnosis

^not a facility-based case

°Increased surveillance rate as required by local health department, not per CMS guidelines