



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **Positive rapid test case at MWC**

A Wasmond Center direct care staff member tested positive during the rapid test surveillance screening on Monday, April 12. This person has been fully vaccinated, so a second test—this one sent to a lab—was taken to verify. We are currently awaiting the results before declaring MWC in “outbreak status.” However, just in case, all residents were tested today and all had negative results. In the meantime, the staff member, who last worked a shift on MWC’s South Side on Sunday, has been removed from the schedule for now.

Based on the data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), having a positive case after being fully vaccinated is unlikely, but not impossible. With the vaccines being up to 95% effective against COVID-19—not 100%—that does mean that there is a slim chance for a breakthrough “unexpected” virus to develop.

Our best defense against breakthrough cases is to continue doing what we have been doing for the past year: wearing proper PPE, washing hands/using hand sanitizer, observing social distancing.

We will inform everyone as soon as we learn the results.

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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