



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **All negative tests this week**

Good news to share: Each of our locations continue to do weekly surveillance testing of all staff and residents and, I am happy to report, we have had all negative results. None of the sites are on Outbreak Status anymore, however direct care staff must continue to follow the mask/eye protection protocol due to the case positivity rates in our regions. Resident outings have resumed for all Marklund locations as has all forms of visitation.

- **New CDC guidelines**

As everyone probably is aware, new CDC guidelines announced this week have loosened the restrictions on wearing masks outdoors for vaccinated individuals. **However, these DO NOT apply in healthcare settings such as Marklund and we must continue to follow our current policies and practices.** We are required to follow guidelines from IDPH (Illinois Dept. of Public Health) and CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid), and they have not changed as of yet.

Have a great weekend!

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	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
Rounds of Testing to be completed	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/week)

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

^not a facility-based case

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