



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **New Visitation FAQs and Updated Staff Policies**

Based on the latest loosening of restrictions on Long-Term care facilities from IDPH and CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid), we have updated our Visitation procedures as well as many staff policies. The new **Visitation FAQs** for Indoor and Outdoor Visitation are attached. Direct Care staff will receive the policies via email and in-services.

A few important notes for staff regarding testing and exposure to COVID:

- (a) if you are fully vaccinated, you do not have to do surveillance testing, but you would still need to be tested during Outbreak Status or following a high-risk exposure;
- (b) ALL staff, vaccinated or unvaccinated, need to continue to immediately report any known exposures, including community/home exposures, to Lisa Esposito. Asymptomatic, vaccinated staff will need to schedule two exposure testings with their facility administrator – the first immediately following exposure and a retest between days 5-7 following exposure. Symptomatic, vaccinated staff and all unvaccinated staff with a known exposure do not need to schedule exposure testing and should follow the isolation/quarantine guidelines per the Modified Temporary Absence Policy.

- **Update on Positive Case at Wasmond Center**

The second round of testing of staff and residents at the Wasmond Center has resulted in all negative results. If no further cases develop, MWC will be out of Outbreak Status as of next Tuesday, May 18.

- **Positive Non-facility-based case at Geneva**

A staff member at the Hyde Center campus tested positive this week for COVID after experiencing symptoms. She was last on-site last Friday, May 7, so this is NOT a facility-onset case and does NOT put MHC into Outbreak Status.

- **100th Update!**

This marks the 100th COVID Update released to staff and parents/guardians since last Spring. Throughout these 15 months, it has been my goal to keep everyone apprised of circumstances that have occurred at all of the Marklund sites, to help alleviate speculation, fears and rumors. We will continue to share these updates until we are in the “All Clear” from this pandemic.

If you every have questions or concerns, please contact me.

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	Virtual
Current* Positive Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current* Positive Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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)	1

**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