



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **Geneva resident tests positive from off-site exposure**

A fully vaccinated resident who has been off campus for an extended home visit with family was exposed to the COVID virus during his visit. The resident, who is asymptomatic, has since tested positive for COVID-19 while under quarantine at home and will remain out of the facility until his quarantine period has ended.

- **CDC news regarding mask wearing**

Please note: while IDPH confirmed today that Illinois will follow the CDC guidance that fully-vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear masks indoors or outdoors, this new guidance **does not yet apply** to healthcare settings, including long-term care facilities like Marklund. While the news is exciting for everyone in their private lives, IDPH has stated we at Marklund should continue to follow the policies/procedures we have in place regarding wearing PPEs and social distancing.

- **Important reminder for staff gatherings/meetings:**

We expect all staff to make note of these regulations for when on-site:

- ⇒ If **everyone** is fully vaccinated, then they can meet/eat/sit closely without masks
- ⇒ If even **one person** in the group is not fully vaccinated, when not eating, everyone should be wearing masks. At all times during a meeting/meal, the unvaccinated person should be at least six feet from others when someone's mask is off (for example, if they are eating).

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

Have a wonderful weekend,

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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	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)	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