



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **Positive Case at Wasmond Center:**

An unvaccinated staff member at the Marklund Wasmond Center tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This person last worked on Monday, June 7. Contact tracing and first-round testing has begun for staff. All residents will be tested today.

Unfortunately, this means the Wasmond Center is back in Outbreak Status and the following restrictions and protocol have been implemented:

- N95 masks and eye protection (face shield or goggles) must be worn by all healthcare providers while providing care or services in resident areas of the facility until outbreak status is discontinued.

- All indoor and outdoor visitation is temporarily suspended, with the exception of compassionate care visits.

- Outings, group activities, communal dining and beauty/barber services are temporarily suspended as well.

Wasmond Center staff should refer to an email sent by MWC Administrator Michelle Orwig to all staff Wednesday evening for specifics on testing schedule and additional staff requirements.

This is the first facility-based positive staff case at any Marklund location in more than a month. Clearly we are not out of the woods yet, although it is promising that cases have become few and far between. Even as the State of Illinois moves into Phase 5 this Friday, we will continue to follow all guidelines from IDPH and DHS.

As always, I will share news as we progress through this latest development.

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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/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	2

**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