



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **Positive case in Geneva campus:**

For the first time since May, we have a positive case at the Hyde Center campus in Geneva. A fully-vaccinated staff member had a negative rapid test onsite yesterday after returning from international travel but tested positive with a second rapid test today upon developing symptoms. This person was sent out to have an offsite lab test to confirm the results.

Contact tracing has begun for staff, residents, and the few volunteers who were onsite yesterday. It has been determined that residents from the Richard and Van Der Molen homes (MRH and MVH) were in contact with the employee yesterday during Community Day Services (CDS). Both homes are now in Outbreak Status, so all residents will be placed on transmission-based precautions and will be tested today, and again next Tuesday.

While on Outbreak Status, we need to temporarily suspend in-person visitation (both indoor and outdoor), resident outings and communal dining.

Staff and volunteers identified through contact tracing will be tested onsite as well. Be assured, all staff and volunteers continue to wear facemasks while with residents/students.

The vaccine is highly effective but not 100% which is why we have safety protocols in place beyond vaccinations. Please know that we are continuing to do all that we can to keep our staff and residents safe.

We will communicate with everyone if anything new develops.

- **Policy Revision**

All staff: please review the new revisions made to the **Modified Temporary Absence Policy** which will be sent out via email by Marissa Cassin, Assistant Director of HR.

Thank you,

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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	Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual
Current* Positive Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current* Positive Staff	0	1	0	0	0	1 (same employee)	0	0
Rounds of Testing to be completed	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	2 Outbreak Testing	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	2 Outbreak Testing	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)	n/a Surveillance Testing (once/month)

*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