



## Important Update re: COVID-19

### *from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

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- **Masks mandatory for all:**

Due to yesterday's announcement by Gov. Pritzker mandating universal masking in all long-term-care organizations in Illinois regardless of vaccination status, we will be **requiring masks be worn by all staff and visitors at all sites**. The only exception is when employees are eating, and then they must keep a six-foot distance from other staff.

We are continuing to keep the health and safety of our residents, students and staff as a priority so while these changes are disappointing, we are doing it for the best reason.

- **Schedule visits in advance:**

As we have required before, indoor and outdoor visits need to be scheduled ahead of time. Parents/guardians/family members must contact the Marklund site's QIDP or Administrator to pre-schedule a visit to give staff ample time to prepare the resident and be able to spread out visits at the location.

- **County positivity rates:**

Our administration and compliance teams continue to watch the county's positivity rates very closely, as well as any COVID-related news coming out of IDPH, CDC and OSHA. If changes affect any programming, policies or procedure status, I will share the news as soon as possible.

Like everyone, I pray that this apparent increase in COVID cases in Illinois is temporary but it is clear we are not out of the woods just yet.

Regards,

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## CURRENT STATUS PER SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC
<b>IDPH Mitigation Tier</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Visitation</b>	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual
<b>Current* Positive Residents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Current* Positive Staff</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Rounds of Testing to be completed</b>	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)	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*