



## Weekly Update re: COVID-19

*from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

March 20, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

- **GOVERNOR’S ‘STAY-AT-HOME ORDER’**

As the latest step in the fight against the spread of the coronavirus, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker issued a “Stay-at-Home Order” on Friday, March 20. The order will be effective at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 21 through April 7. In order to abide by this order, only those staff considered as “**essential**” will be allowed to go to work at the Marklund locations. At Marklund, “essential” staff includes those providing direct care to our residents: **nurses, PSPs, TAAs, house parents, as well as laundry, dietary and housekeeping staff.** In addition, Administrators and Senior Staff will continue to be on site on a rotating basis.

**Be assured, during this “Stay-at-Home order,” everyone will be getting paid.**

- **BONUSES FOR DIRECT CARE STAFF:**

Those in the direct care jobs specifically listed above will receive a **10-percent bonus** for hours worked as of 11 p.m. Saturday, March 21– 11 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. For example, an employee who regularly earns \$14.75 per hour will earn \$16.25 an hour. **PLEASE NOTE: Once the “Stay-at-Home Order” is lifted, the bonus pay will be stopped.**

Those who are able to do their jobs from home will receive their regular salary. Supervisors will inform these employees as to how their work will be structured. Anyone unable to perform their regular job duties from home will be paid as per the Modified Absence Policy dates March 20, 2020.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES CURRENTLY IN PLACE:**

- **Marklund Day School Closure—through April 7**
- **Visitation Restriction—through April 15**
- **CDS Program Closure—through April 15.**

All of these dates are subject to change based on re-evaluation on those dates, government issued mandates, and recommendations by the CDC, and IDPH.

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