



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

March 31, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

- **RESIDENT SYMPTOM FREE, REMAINS QUARANTINED**

The resident at the Marklund Sayers Home (MSH) who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus continues to be symptom free. Taking a more conservative action, we will keep the resident in isolation a full 14 days post symptoms, which will conclude next Monday, April 6. We are continuing to monitor all residents and staff at all Marklund sites at every shift change. Staff RNs will continue to provide all care to this resident, to limit potential exposure to other direct care staff.

- **CHROMEBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNICATION**

Marklund has purchased several laptops for each of our sites to be used for video communication between residents and their families. They will be distributed to all Marklund centers this week and easy-to-follow instructions will be emailed to families. Parents/guardians should reach out to their loved ones' Qs to set up video chat appointments. Our residents are very social, so we are grateful for the use of Zoom and Skype to help everyone stay in contact!

- **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

We are pleased to note to date that we are currently sufficiently supplied with required PPEs (personal protective equipment) including N95 masks, regular masks, gowns, and gloves for the protection of our residents and staff.

- **STAY-AT-HOME ORDER**

Today, Gov. Pritzker extended the Stay-at-Home Order for Illinois through April 30, following the social distancing order extended by President Trump. Be assured, we will keep you posted on all important changes that affect Marklund.

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I cannot say enough about the fantastic staff that we have and the way they have “stepped-up” during the pandemic. I could not be prouder to be part of such a caring organization. Our top concern continues to be the health and safety of our residents and staff.

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