



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

April 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

- **WASMOND CENTER RESIDENTS TEST NEGATIVE**

Great news! The three residents at the Marklund Wasmond Center (MWC) in Elgin tested negative for COVID-19, according to official lab results received today. They have been taken off isolation protocol.

- **WELL STOCKED WITH PPEs**

At this point, our supply of Personal Protective Equipment remains good, although we are continually going to be using it due to the temporary policy put in effect on April 2:

- ◇ All Marklund nurses, PSPs, housekeepers, house parents, and other staff providing resident care or services in resident rooms are to be wearing a facemask at all times, using the guidelines described in the new Extended Use of Procedure or Surgical Mask policy.
- ◇ All other staff working in a residential facility will be issued reusable cloth masks to wear while in the facility. Staff will be responsible to wash/disinfect their masks each night before reusing them at their next shift.
- ◇ Staff or necessary non-employees who will be working in close contact with other employees/non-employees in non-residential facilities will be issued a cloth or a procedure mask based on the specific situation, as determined by the Administrator/Director of Nursing for that campus.
- ◇ We are accepting homemade cloth masks. Please contact the administrators to set up drop-off arrangements.

- **EVENT CHANGES**

Based upon the latest guidance of Gov. Pritzker not to have large gatherings in the Spring or Summer, we have made changes to a couple of our upcoming fundraising events:

- ◇ **The Run, Walk & Roll-Bloomingtondale** set for April 26 has been modified as a **VIRTUAL 5K/1 mile** event still held on **April 26**. Visit www.marklund.org/series/5kbloomingtondale for details.
- ◇ The **38th Annual Marklund Golf Classic** has moved from June 4 to Aug. 27. Stay tuned for details.



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- **NEW DENTIST PROVIDES SERVICES IN GENEVA & ELGIN**

Richard Stewart, DDS, of Elburn has been contracted to provide dental services for the Marklund organization's facilities in Geneva and Elgin. Dr. Stewart is not new to Marklund. Three years ago, he started working with Marklund residents at its Geneva facility who needed oral surgery, completing them at the nearby Northwestern Medicine-Delnor Hospital where he has staff privileges.

In this new role for the Marklund Hyde Center in Geneva and Wasmond Center in Elgin, Dr. Stewart will complete regular assessments on the residents as well additional dental procedures as needed.

- **STAFFING REMAINS STEADY**

I am pleased to report that staffing at all three locations remains steady, with a very small percentage of call-offs due to illness, staff hesitation or personal conflicts with school closings. Our Human Resources Department also noted that we are seeing an influx of applications for our open positions, most likely due to layoff situations in other industries.

We will continue to keep you updated as needed.

Thank you,

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President & CEO

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