



## Important Update re: COVID-19

*from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

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- **COVID TEST STATUS**

Effective today, we continue to have no COVID-19 cases.

- **GOVERNOR EXTENDS STAY-AT-HOME ORDER**

Governor JB Pritzker extended the stay-at-home order through Saturday, May 30. This order will go into effect on May 1. However, an Illinois court temporarily blocked the order, due to a lawsuit by Rep. Darren Bailey, which says the governor exceeded his authority and is violating residents' civil rights. The Illinois Attorney General is working on behalf of the governor to have that ruling overturned. We anticipate the Governor's order to be upheld.

- **MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL STAFF**

As of May 1st, all employees will wear a mask when being tested by the nurse before starting work and whenever they will be closer than 6 feet to another employee or resident.

- **ENFORCING SOCIAL DISTANCING ON SITE**

Marklund will be putting up "Maximum Occupancy" signs outside of certain areas/rooms such as conference rooms, break rooms, bathrooms, eating areas, offices with multiple work stations, etc., to limit the number of staff who use these areas at any one time.

- **FOLLOWING NEW IDPH GUIDELINES**

We received and implemented new procedure guidelines from IDPH re:

- ◇ Creating a return-to-work plan for any staff who would have a positive COVID test
- ◇ Adding new symptom-related questions for daily staff and resident screenings to include assessment of: headache, chills, muscle pain, loss of taste and smell.

- **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who participated in our **Virtual Run, Walk & Roll** event last weekend! Also, it is very heartwarming to see how many volunteers, parents/guardians, and friends have dropped off home-made masks, food, gift cards and greeting cards for staff and residents. We are thankful for their care and generosity!

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