



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **WONDERFUL NEWS—OUTDOOR VISITS ALLOWED BY APPOINTMENT!**

IDPH announced this morning that Long-Term Care Facilities may allow outdoor visitation for residents when **THE FOLLOWING** conditions are met:

- ◆ Visitations must be limited to **two visitors** at a time per resident.
- ◆ Visits are limited to **outdoor areas only**.
- ◆ For the duration of each visit, **the resident and visitor must wear a face covering**.
- ◆ **Visitors must schedule an appointment with the Q of each facility (or the Nursing Unit Coordinator at MPC) to visit a resident.**
- ◆ The maximum number of residents and visitors in the outdoors space at one time is based on the size of the outdoor space. Each Marklund facility will determine the maximum number of residents and visitors who can simultaneously occupy that area. **Staff are required by IDPH to ensure social distancing between the resident and all visitors and the use of face coverings.**
- ◆ Each facility will set the **maximum number of visitors allowed in a single day**.
- ◆ Staff will **prescreen visitors via phone** with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) symptom checklist not more than 24 hours in advance. Visitors will also be screened on arrival with the CDC symptom checklist and a temperature check. **Visitors displaying symptoms should not visit the facility.**
- ◆ Residents with active COVID-19 infection, either laboratory confirmed or symptomatic, are not allowed to participate in outdoor visits. (Currently we have no positive cases!) **Residents receiving visitors will also be screened** with the CDC symptom checklist prior to visitor's arrival.
- ◆ Each facility may **set the time duration** of each visit. Marklund may cancel visits at any given time, depending on the infection status of the facility, staffing levels, weather conditions, and/or other factors affecting the ability to conduct safe visits.
- ◆ These guidelines are part of Marklund's new **COVID-19 Visitation Policy**, effective 6.19.20.

We are so happy to welcome visitors back to Marklund. It is certainly something that everyone needs after this very long time apart.

Happy Fathers Day to all the dads and those who serve in father-like roles!

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