



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **Wasmond Center Staff Receive Negative Results**

I am pleased to report that all of the Wasmond Center staff and residents who went through two rounds of testing for the COVID-19 virus have received **negative test results**. Based on these results and our meeting all other requirements, the **Wasmond Center will move to Phase 3 of the Illinois' Long Term Care facilities reopening plan on Saturday, Oct. 3.**

As noted in a previous update, Phase 3 does allow us to hold Indoor Visits with **restrictions and guidelines**. **These guidelines are meant to lessen the risk of exposure to our residents and staff. Keep in mind, any positive test will move the affected site back to Phase 1.**

- ◇ **Outdoor visits remain the preferred option.** When weather or other circumstances do not allow for outdoor visits, indoor visits may be scheduled.
- ◇ Visits are by appointment only. Please call the facility to **schedule a visit**. Each indoor visit will be **limited to 30 minutes** to allow for thorough cleaning/disinfection between scheduled visits.
- ◇ **Indoor Visiting Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- ◇ Evening/weekend visits are available **upon request and if staffing allows**.
- ◇ Visitors must be **at least 18-years old** and are limited to parents/guardians, siblings, and individuals listed on the guardian's approved visitation list. Residents may have up to **two visitors at a time**, but visitors must be from **the same household** if visiting together. (Exceptions **may** be made for younger siblings and compassionate care visits.)
- ◇ Visitors must remain in the designated meeting area, **and will not be able to use the building's facilities (restrooms, water fountains, etc.)**
- ◇ Visitors **must be pre-screened on the phone** by facility staff between 12-24 hours before their appointment time and be **screened in person** by facility staff at the time of their appointment.
- ◇ Visitors **with any of the CDC COVID-19 Symptoms** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) should **not visit the facility!** Please review the symptom list each time before coming to Marklund as the listed symptoms may change.

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- ◇ Visitors must notify the facility's Administrator or Director of Nursing immediately **if they develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms** listed on the CDC website within the three days following their visit.
- ◇ Residents with any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed on the CDC website **will not be able to have in-person visits**. Virtual visitation may be possible as an alternative for some of these situations.
- ◇ **All visitors must wear a face covering/face mask at all times when on Marklund property for a visit, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from residents, and practice proper hand hygiene.**

In addition, I am pleased to report that by moving into Phase 3, our residents will also have some restrictions removed regarding activities. We will be allowed to resume the following:

- ◇ **Outings for residents** off facility grounds (modified to meet social distancing requirements, and outdoor settings preferred).
- ◇ **Communal dining** as long as residents can maintain 6-foot distance (formerly limited to 25% of seating capacity).

The care team and I cannot stress enough how important it is that all visitors follow these guidelines. We want to do whatever we can to keep your loved ones safe and healthy, as well as those who work with them.
24/7/365.

Thank you,

GILBERT FONGER, President & CEO

Questions for Gil Fonger?

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