



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **COVID news from the Governor**

Yesterday, Gov. Pritzker announced news regarding the state's reopening plans. Many of the points he made are being received with great excitement but I need to clarify an important point. The advancements that the Governor discussed mainly apply to the general public—and those of us in our private lives—unfortunately, not to those within long-term care facilities. Marklund's residential program must follow guidelines set by IDPH, while CDS follows those set by DHS. The changes he announced will however positively affect events that we are planning, so we are pleased at least to learn about advancements in that area.

- **IDPH recommendations regarding visitation policies**

Today, IDPH announced that it will share its new guidelines in the coming days, once they are all approved by the Governor's office. Following this guidance, we will be amending our policies and procedures, and plan on updating everyone next week.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work to keep in compliance with IDPH's ever-changing requirements.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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CURRENT STATUS PER SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC
CMS (IDPH) Phase	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/17/21</i>	3 <i>starting 3/2/21</i>
IDPH Mitigation Tier	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Visitation	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual	Indoor, Outdoor & Virtual
Current* Positive Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current* Positive Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rounds of Testing to be completed	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing	0 Surveillance Testing

**indicates resident or staff member currently isolating for COVID*

^not a facility-based case