



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **IDPH Guidelines for Quarantining**

IDPH released new information regarding if and when staff and residents need to quarantine after travel or exposure. Obviously it depends greatly on whether the person has been vaccinated or not. At this point, nearly 100% of our eligible residents have received the vaccination, as have 60% of employees. With the Johnson & Johnson vaccine being offered to Marklund staff at an upcoming clinic in early April, that number will increase to 74%.

Based on the most recent information from IDPH:

- ⇒ Fully vaccinated staff (at least 2 weeks post vaccine) do not need to quarantine after COVID exposure at work,. However, at this point, we still require staff to quarantine from community exposure. IDPH is seeking further clarification on this point from the CDC.
- ⇒ Fully vaccinated residents (at least 2 weeks post vaccine) who go offsite for day/ weekend passes do not need to quarantine upon return.
- ⇒ International travel will still require the 7-day quarantine with a negative test or 10 days with no test.
- ⇒ Screening questionnaires for visitors will still include a question about out of state travel. Visitors who traveled internationally still need to do the required quarantine (7 days with test/10 without).
- ⇒ New admits do NOT need to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated.

Happily, we are holding steady with no positive COVID-19 cases coming out of any of our locations. I pray this trend will continue to allow our state to ease up on even more restrictions moving forward.

Regards,

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