



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **What “Illinois Reopening” means at Marklund:**

I’m sure everyone is thrilled to see and hear the news that the State of Illinois is officially in Phase 5 which means **fully reopened**. After more than a year of learning how to maneuver through many restrictions, this is wonderful news.

I do, however, want to caution everyone that while this Reopening action will affect our personal lives, most things at Marklund are not changing just yet.

With the exception of no capacity limits on office usage (as long as distancing allows), we are still following such infection precaution guidelines as screening upon entry, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, social distancing around unvaccinated staff and residents, regular testing as required, and not yet allowing volunteers in the buildings. When a site is in Outbreak Status, as the Wasmond Center is right now, even more restrictions are put in place.

These guidelines are given directly from IDPH and DHS, which, as a state-certified long-term-care facility, we are required to follow. We hope and pray, as the COVID positivity rates continue to go down everywhere, that these restrictions will be loosened in the not-too-distant future as well.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend while getting back to some normalcy.

Regards,

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