



## Important Update re: COVID-19

### *from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

Aug. 18, 2021; 1 p.m.; Issue 110

- **Two positive staff cases in Geneva:**

A non-direct-care employee at the **Marklund Hyde Center** tested positive today for COVID-19 after developing minor symptoms while at work this morning. The employee was given a rapid test on site and sent home. This employee, who was vaccinated, will have a laboratory test to confirm the results. Contact tracing has begun and any other staff that may have been affected have been notified to be tested.

Again, as a non-direct-care employee, she had not been around any residents or community clients or in any of the homes, and wears a mask when in the Hyde Center, according to our current policy. None of the homes will need to be placed in outbreak status.

A vaccinated staff member at the **Foglia Education Center at Marklund Day School-Geneva** informed supervisors this morning that she tested positive for COVID.-19 This employee has been offsite for the last two weeks, so this is not a facility-based case and does not affect the school nor any of the residential facilities.

Unfortunately, as we have stated previously, vaccinated individuals can experience breakthrough cases. However, studies continue to show those cases do not become serious, which indicates that the vaccine is doing its job.

- **Positive case in Bloomingdale:**

An unvaccinated staff member at the **Marklund Philip Center** tested positive for COVID after domestic travel and has developed serious symptoms and complications from the virus. This person had been offsite during a travel-quarantine period and was tested independently. This does not put MPC into outbreak status.

- **Marklund areas still report high levels of transmission:**

Kane, DuPage and Cook counties remain as areas with **HIGH levels** of transmission for COVID-19. We continue to watch the data closely and will inform everyone if we need to implement any additional changes to our policies and procedures.

Regards,

GILBERT FONGER, President & CEO,  
630-593-5476 or [gfonger@marklund.org](mailto:gfonger@marklund.org)