



Important Update re: COVID-19

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• COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT DAY SCHOOL IN BLOOMINGDALE

This morning, we received confirmation that two vaccinated staff members and one student at the Marklund Day School in Bloomingdale have tested positive for COVID-19. In addition, we have one probable case of another vaccinated staff member who is awaiting lab results of a COVID test. This puts the Day School into Outbreak status. Two Life Skills classrooms in the school's Ann Haskins Center have moved to full remote learning. A third classroom in the Multi-Needs program, located in the lower level of the Philip Center, will also go full remote as a precaution.

Contact tracing has been completed for staff and students, and all parents notified of the situation, as has DuPage County Health Department.

As we have throughout the pandemic, we are continuing with our regimen of screening staff upon entry each morning, and all unvaccinated staff will be tested weekly. In addition, administration requires staff to report to the nurse during the day if they have any onset of symptoms.

All employees at all facilities are still required to wear appropriate PPE including face masks. In addition, Multi-Needs staff wear face shields/eye protection. Affected classrooms have been sanitized per our mitigation protocol.

• ADJUST ON-SITE MEETINGS TO VIRTUAL

Given the current COVID situation at the Bloomingdale and Geneva Day School locations, effective immediately all meetings with school staff should be conducted remotely via ZOOM instead of on-site in the school buildings.

In addition, staff (i.e. Maintenance, Environmental Services, or Therapy) that work in other Marklund locations including the residential areas who need to go to the school buildings must wear face shields/goggles and N95 masks while at the school sites. Any of these staff who are not yet fit-tested for N95s and who absolutely need to go in the school should either go after school hours or make sure to maintain at least a six-foot distance from everyone. Any non-essential activities or projects should be rescheduled for the time being.

We will keep you posted if other cases develop.

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