



## Important Update re: COVID-19

*from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

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- **Positive case on Geneva campus**

We received word that a staff member who works in the Community Day Services (CDS) program at the Marklund Hyde Center in Geneva tested positive yesterday after having a minor symptom onset on Friday. This person, who is fully vaccinated, works with residents from Marklund Haverkamp Home, so this puts that home on Outbreak Status. Contact tracing from Friday's shift has begun and a testing plan has been put in place for MHH residents and those staff who had close contact with the positive employee.

Community Clients have not been affected by the positive staff in the CDS program and may attend the day program unless otherwise notified.

- **Status of previous cases**

Thankfully, no additional staff or residents showed positive results from the testing at our Geneva and Elgin sites following last week's staff positive cases.

Unfortunately we are seeing an uptick of positive cases, even in fully vaccinated staff. This is not completely unexpected with the change in weather and people spending more time indoors.

According to the CDC, a vaccine breakthrough infection happens when a fully vaccinated person gets infected with COVID-19. The vaccines are effective at preventing most infections, however, they are not 100% effective. CDC studies show that fully vaccinated people with a vaccine breakthrough infections are less likely to develop serious illness and be hospitalized than those who are unvaccinated and get the virus. However, people with vaccine breakthrough infections may still spread COVID-19 to others.

The CDC also recently reported that even if you are fully vaccinated, if you live or work in an area with substantial or **high transmission levels**—as we do at all of our Marklund locations—you will be better protected if you wear a mask when you are in **all** indoor public places.

I continue to be very thankful for our staff who have been working so hard caring for our residents throughout the pandemic, and especially during these outbreaks. They are true heroes!

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## CURRENT STATUS PER RESIDENTIAL SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC
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	1	1	0	0	0	1 (same staff as MVH)	0	1
Rounds of Testing to be completed	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	1

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

*^not a facility-based case*

*-Increased surveillance rate as required by IDPH*