



## Important Update re: COVID-19

*from Gil Fonger, President & CEO*

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- **Positive staff in Bloomingdale**

An employee who works out of the Bloomingdale campus with residents and students tested positive yesterday for COVID-19 after learning of an offsite exposure. This person, who is vaccinated and asymptomatic, did a home rapid test and followed it up with a rapid test at a clinic, both which were positive. We are awaiting lab results from a PCR test.

Since this staff member had worked with Philip Center residents and Marklund Day School students during the 48 hours prior to testing positive, the Philip Center has been moved into Outbreak Status. MPC residents have already completed one round of testing with no additional positive cases discovered. Testing of all staff should be completed by Monday night.

At this point, parents/guardians may still visit residents this week, and participate in planned gift opening activities, following masking/social distancing protocol. Vaccinated residents are able to go home for holidays.

The school's administration is alerting parents of students who may have been exposed. Marklund Day School is on winter break for the next two weeks.

Unfortunately, we are seeing an uptick of positive cases but, fortunately, it does seem that in most instances, those who are vaccinated are also asymptomatic. Hopefully that means the vaccine is doing its job of preventing serious illness and hospitalizations.

I want to thank our staff for supporting our residents so well during these stressful times.

God Bless you!

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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	2*	1	2*	1*	1*	1*	1	0
Rounds of Testing to be completed	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2

\* 1 employee worked in multiple homes