



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **Multiple positive cases with Elgin staff**

The Marklund Wasmond Center (MWC) in Elgin is reporting multiple positive cases among staff today. Of the eight staff involved, four are asymptomatic, and one just started developing mild symptoms. They were discovered through the outbreak testing. The others were tested after becoming symptomatic. All are vaccinated but have not had the booster; seven are in direct care and one is support staff.

- **New positive case reported in Geneva**

A direct care employee from the Marklund Richard Home (MRH) on the Geneva campus tested positive today during Outbreak testing. This person is vaccinated but not boosted, and is experiencing mild symptoms. (We are still waiting for official word on two presumed positive staff cases that were reported on in yesterday's update.)

- **Positive case at Marklund Day School**

A teacher at the Marklund Day School-Bloomingtondale (MDS) tested positive today after symptom onset a few days ago. This staff member, who is vaccinated but not boosted, has not been on campus since the school shut down for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 17.

- **Resident testing**

The good news: All residents at MWC and MHC have tested negative this week!

- **New guidelines**

Marklund will be aligning our policies and protocols with CDC's latest recommendation for staff quarantine and testing guidelines for symptoms and exposure. These changes will allow us to get staff back to work faster while still maintaining the safety of all residents and staff. Management staff has received details on the new criteria via email from Wendy Berk, HIPAA/Compliance Officer.'

Regards,

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CURRENT STATUS PER RESIDENTIAL SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC	MHC
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	n/a
Current* Positive Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Current* Positive Staff	1	1*	2	1	3*	1	1	9	5
Date out of Outbreak	1.7.22	1.11.22	1.6.22	1.10.22	1.11.22	1.12.22	1.2.22	1.12.22	n/a
Rounds of Testing to be completed	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	n/a

*one employee worked in multiple homes