



Important Update re: COVID-19

from Gil Fonger, President & CEO

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- **Positive staff cases continue**

We have reports of more staff testing positive, but fortunately they are either asymptomatic or having mild symptoms. In a couple of cases, we are implementing Crisis Staffing per IDPH guidelines to allow those employees who are asymptomatic or with mild symptoms to work and keep us in compliance with state regulations. Be assured, in these cases, the staff are wearing N95 masks as added protection. With the number of other employees scheduled to return due to ending isolation periods, we are hopeful the need for crisis staffing is short-term.

- **Wasmond Center (MWC): 1)** A direct care employee (vaccinated, not boosted), tested positive today during outbreak testing after working the night shift last night. Currently asymptomatic.

2-3) Two direct care staff (vaccinated, not boosted) tested positive during outbreak testing, and are also asymptomatic. They worked for a short time today as well as Sunday/Monday shifts.

4) A fourth direct care employee (vaccinated, not boosted), tested positive today during outbreak testing. This person is asymptomatic currently and last worked the PM shift yesterday, Jan. 3.

- **Tommy Home (MTH): 1-2)** Two direct care employees (vaccinated/not boosted) developed mild symptoms last week, had negative tests then, but tested positive yesterday while working. Both had COVID last fall. Current symptoms are resolving.

- **Dreher Home (MDH): 1)** An IHR direct care employee (vaccinated/not boosted) tested positive after symptom onset. This person last worked Sunday overnight shift.

- **Richard Home (MRH): 1)** A direct care employee (vaccinated/not boosted) tested positive today after symptom onset. Last worked PM shift on Jan. 3.

- **New Resident cases at MWC**

Three North Side residents at the Wasmond Center have developed mild symptoms and tested positive today. One is vaccinated but has not reached the 2-week-post-vaccine date yet, and the other two are unvaccinated.

We are seeing that the majority of positive cases involve staff or residents who have not received the COVID booster vaccine. I would like to encourage those who have not yet gotten it to please reconsider, as it may not prevent you from getting COVID, but it should prevent you from getting seriously ill.

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OUT OF OUTBREAK DATES PER RESIDENTIAL SITE

	MHH	MVH	MSH	MTH	MDH	MRH	MPC	MWC	MHC
Date out of Outbreak	1.15.22	1.11.22	1.11.22	1.18.22	1.19.22	1.19.22	1.16.22	1.19.22	n/a