



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **Positive cases continue; other staff returning**

As seven additional staff tested positive for COVID, 5 others are able to return to work after completing required quarantine protocol.

- **Wasmond Center (MWC):**

- * Two direct care staff (vaccinated/not boosted), are asymptomatic
- * One direct care staff (vaccinated/not boosted) has symptoms
- * One direct care staff (unvaccinated) has symptoms
- * One direct care staff (unvaccinated) had an offsite exposure, is asymptomatic

- **Geneva campus:**

- * 1 direct care staff at Haverkampf Home (MHH) tested positive after a community exposure. This employee is asymptomatic (vaccinated/not boosted).
- * 1 direct care staff at VanDerMolen Home (MVH) (vaccinated/not boosted), tested positive after symptom onset. This employee has not worked this week.

- **Resident cases**

Three additional residents at the Wasmond Center tested positive today. One is symptomatic. The other two are asymptomatic and were discovered during outbreak testing. Two are vaccinated, one is not.

Previously mentioned cases: The three positive residents at the Hyde Center campus are stable; two asymptomatic, one with mild symptoms. The other positive resident at MWC continues to experience symptoms and is still being cared for on-site.

- **Staffing adjustments**

Due to the continued rise in positive cases among staff, Marklund's administration is prepared to enter into Crisis Staffing. According to IDPH, when staffing shortages occur, healthcare facilities and employers may need to implement crisis capacity strategies to continue to provide patient care. This would entail bringing staff back prior to Day 6 of their isolation period. Of course, we would assess staff and bring back vaccinated, asymptomatic staff early as our first priority. Then if we needed to continue, we would assess our staff to bring back mildly symptomatic, vaccinated staff, then asymptomatic unvaccinated staff who have completed the longest isolation period since their positive test. We will inform parents/guardians and staff if we activate that level of contingency staffing.

Have a safe, blessed New Year's Eve!

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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	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	n/a
Current* Positive Staff	2	1*	1	1	4*	1	3	18	7
Date out of Outbreak	1.15.22	1.11.22	1.11.22	1.14.22	1.14.22	1.12.22	1.14.22	1.15.22	n/a
Rounds of Testing to be completed	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	n/a

*one employee worked in multiple homes

+ Visitation by appointment