



## UCP SEGUIN – SPECIAL UPDATE ON COVID-19 May 31, 2020

**Dear UCP Seguin Staff, Families, Foster Parents, and Friends,**

As of Friday, Illinois entered Phase III of Governor Pritzker’s “Restore Illinois” plan for reopening the state: Recovery. This phase includes the reopening of some “non-essential” businesses in Illinois. What this means is that overall, Illinois has met the required thresholds associated with new COVID-19 cases and associated hospitalizations, fatalities, ICU bed occupancy and ventilator usage. This is great progress. However, as positive as our movement into Phase III is, it does not mean that the virus is gone and while all of us want to get back to “normal”, we must be careful and exercise good and safe judgment to keep it from resurging in our state. Click on the following link to learn more about Phase III of the plan:

<https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-phase-3>

For UCP Seguin, Phase III means that we will continue with all of the measures we have put into place over the past two months to ensure the continued safety of the people we serve and our employees, and the community. However, we will also be supporting families to visit with their loved ones with some strict safety rules being applied for everyone’s safety. Family members and friends will be welcomed to our CILA homes to visit while adhering to the following guidelines:

- o Visits must be scheduled in advance by contacting your loved one’s Case Manager;
- o Visits will occur outdoors only;
- o Social Distancing as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control will be required;
- o Wearing of masks by visitors will be required;

You can read about Social Distancing and other CDC guidelines related to COVID-19 by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

As part of Phase III, Seguin Gardens and Gifts is now open to in-store customers with the following guidelines in place:

- o No more than five (5) customers allowed inside the store at a time;
- o Masks required;
- o Hand-washing required;
- o Entrance into the store through the greenhouse only;
- o Exit the greenhouse/gift shop through the store front door only.

Community Day Services sites will remain closed through June 30<sup>th</sup>, as ordered by the Illinois Department of Human Services. Over the last several weeks, UCP Seguin management staff under the leadership of Lori Opiela have been working on plans for safely reopening day services when we are permitted to do so.

As we indicated in our last email update on May 18<sup>th</sup>, we know that COVID-19 testing is key to starting to reopen programs. Last Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, UCP Seguin brought in a mobile lab service to provide testing to 46 staff members. This was the first of what we hope will be several more testing sessions. While we have not yet instituted mandatory testing, we are strongly considering the possibility of doing so as peace of mind for our staff, families, and people we serve is of the highest priority. UCP Seguin continues to require that all employees who have been off of work due illness, initial positive test results but no symptoms, or direct and/or indirect exposure to the virus present a confirmed negative test result prior to returning to work.

Below is the most current snapshot of data that illustrates UCP Seguin's ongoing management and monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the agency. We continue to do our best to ensure that all employees, foster parents, families, friends, board members, and stakeholders remain well-informed of the measures we have put in place.

The following data is current as of May 31, 2020:

<b>EMPLOYEE SCORECARD as of 5/31/20</b>	
<b>Employees confirmed COVID-19</b>	25
<b>Employees filed for Unemployment</b>	53

<b>ADULT SERVICES SCORECARD as of 5/31/20</b>	
<b>Adult participants confirmed COVID-19</b>	17
<b>Adult participants with a fever</b>	0
<b>Adult participants with other COVID-19 symptoms</b>	0

<b>CHILDRENS FOSTER CARE as of 4/26/20</b>	
<b>Children confirmed COVID-19</b>	0
<b>Children foster parent or household member confirmed COVID-19</b>	1

Our COVID-19 Task Force and its sub-groups continue to remain active and meet several times each week to ensure communication is distributed agency-wide.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the families of our adult participants who have selflessly put their own lives on hold to open their hearts and homes to their loved ones over the last two months, helping UCP Seguin to further reduce risk of exposure. Our success at containing COVID-19 continues to be possible because of our togetherness and we are thankful for each one of you for all you have done and all you continue to do as we navigate this journey as a strong and determined team.

As always, the commitment, kindness, and love that our staff and foster parents in both the children's and adult programs continue to show all of the people we serve and one another is humbling and we continue to be so very proud and so very grateful to each one of you.


With some restrictions in Illinois lifted or loosened, we reinforce that your ongoing support, including your own adherence to safety laws and agency guidelines, is so important to our continued success. Our ability to continue to minimize risk and contain COVID-19 at UCP Seguin and statewide depends on our collective actions. We must use prudent judgement and our cohesive efforts will be instrumental in the coming days and weeks as all Illinoisans strive for Phase IV of "Restore Illinois".

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#strongestwhenweworktogether  
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#brighterdaysareontheway

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