



UCP SEGUIN – SPECIAL UPDATE ON COVID-19 May 18, 2020

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

As we start our third month of sheltering in place, UCP Seguin has made every effort to ensure the continued safety of our program participants, our staff and foster parents, and the community. Our separation from each other has not been easy – we all miss our families and friends, and our sense of security. But our work together has helped to place Illinois in a better position than it was just a few short weeks ago.

As of today, the Illinois Department of Public Health reports that all four state healthcare regions remain within the limits prescribed by the Governor Pritzker’s phased reopening plan. This is good news; it means that Illinois in its entirety will be eligible to move to Phase Three of the plan by the end of this month provided we remain at the benchmarks outlined in the plan.

Follow the link for complete information on the specific details associated with each phase of the Governor’s “Restore Illinois” Plan:

<https://news.wttw.com/sites/default/files/article/file-attachments/Restore%20Illinois%20-%20A%20Public%20Health%20Approach%20To%20Safely%20Reopen%20Our%20State.pdf>

We know that COVID-19 testing is key to starting to reopen programs. Safety along with peace of mind for our staff, foster parents, persons served and their families is of the highest priority. UCP Seguin is in the process of developing a COVID-19 testing schedule with a mobile lab to test our employees. Over the last three days, thirteen employees who were quarantined due to exposures or positive test results have returned to work following subsequent negative COVID-19 tests. UCP Seguin is requiring 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 to deal with this crisis as well as the resulting outcomes of those measures.

The following data is current as of May 18, 2020:

EMPLOYEE SCORECARD as of 5/18/20

Employee confirmed COVID-19	22
Employee exposed to COVID-19	75
Employee is not coming to work because they are concerned about a potential exposure	6
Employee unable work due to childcare/school closures	12
Employee unable work due to pre-existing medical issues	15
Employee filed for Unemployment	48
Employees needing re-assignment but refused and are not working	13
Employees willing to be reassigned but we were unable to reassign	6
Total number of employees off of work related to COVID-19	149

ADULT SERVICES SCORECARD as of 5/18/20

Adult participants confirmed COVID-19	17
Adult participants exposed to COVID-19	42
Adult participants with a fever	0
Adult participants with other COVID-19 symptoms	0
Adult participants that went to the ER or Urgent Care since 3/22/20	31

CHILDRENS FOSTER CARE as of 4/26/20

Children confirmed COVID-19	0
Children exposed to COVID-19	2
Children foster parent or household member confirmed COVID-19	1
Children foster parent or household member exposed to COVID-19	1
Children foster parent or household member with a fever	0
Children foster parent or household member that went to the ER	None known
Children foster parent or household member with COVID-19 symptoms	None known

Our COVID-19 Task Force and its sub-groups continue to meet frequently, many of them on a daily basis to ensure the most up-to-date information is communicated across agency departments.

In terms of finances, we are continuing to receive payments from the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as scheduled. The temporary rate enhancements awarded by DHS are in effect through the month of June and as communicated in previous updates, will help to offset some of our costs. After June 30th, there has been nothing communicated by the DHS regarding continued enhanced rates or other adjustments to rates. COVID-19 continues to be an expensive journey that will have unprecedented expense to UCP Seguin particularly in the area of unemployment. Right now, it is difficult to project that expense but we are closely monitoring the claims numbers and associated estimated liability in an attempt to better understand what our out-of-pocket costs associated with unemployment might look like in the coming weeks and months.

At the outset of the pandemic and “shelter-in-place” protocols we estimated pandemic-related costs well in excess of revenues through the end of the fiscal year in June, resulting in a projected shortfall of as much as \$800,000 or more. We are pleased to report that through the UCP Seguin COVID-19 Emergency Fund we have raised over \$400,000 from more than 575 donors. These donations will address the added costs of staffing our group and foster homes, PPE and other emergency supplies, telecommunications equipment for remote training and therapy, and our Infinitec online services to educators, students, parents, and adult service providers. Contributions can be made online at our website: https://ucpseguin.org/get_involved/donate-to-the-covid-19-emergency-fund.html

We continue to receive in-kind donations of protective fabric masks and other emergency supplies. During these immensely difficult times we continue to be amazed at the generosity of the UCP Seguin community.

The perseverance, commitment, kindness, and love that our staff and foster parents in both the children’s and adult programs have shown our program participants and each other – throughout the duration of this crisis – has been humbling indeed. We are proud of and grateful to each one of you for all that you have done and are continuing to do to make this difficult time more bearable.

We reinforce that your ongoing support, including your own adherence to safety regulations and agency guidelines, is so important to our continued success at minimizing the risk of exposure to and containment of COVID-19. Your continued compliance will be instrumental in the coming days and weeks as all Illinoisans work together to start to reopen our state.

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