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Illinois Department of Human Services

Grace B. Hou, Secretary

Ludeman Developmental Center

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Parents and Friends of the Elisabeth Ludeman Center,

The Governor and IDHS Secretary Hou continue to fight for resources in Illinois during this pandemic.

IDHS recently received additional test swabs to test for COVID-19 at our state operated facilities for DMH and DDD. For context, we have over 3,400 residents in our 14 facilities, and approximately 6,600 employees who work at them.

Our Infection Control and State Operated Facilities are prioritizing residents who have symptoms but who have not yet been tested. While we are treating these individuals as if they are COVID-19 positive by supporting them in isolation, testing will give us a more accurate picture of the state of COVID-19 in each facility. It is likely, with testing, that we will see an increased number of positives at each facility where individuals are symptomatic but have not been previously tested.

We have already reached out to family members with loved ones who are symptomatic or have previously tested positive for COVID-19. As a reminder, not all people who test positive for COVID-19 display symptoms. We will keep all family members posted as we learn more through broader testing. Please know we will continue to provide the appropriate care for your loved one if they become symptomatic.

For more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Center Director or Center staff.

Thank you,
Lisa Robinson
Center Director