



# Maryhaven Center of Hope

Catholic Health Services

At the heart of health

July 14, 2020

Dear Maryhaven Family:

I am happy to announce that OPWDD has issued guidance regarding the re-opening of all day services and the recommencement of home visits consistent with the restrictions therein.

The guidance was issued to OPWDD providers on Monday July 13, 2020 with the expectation that safety plans would be developed and approved by OPWDD prior to opening day habilitation programs. Day Services' Leadership is aggressively developing these plans and, based on the criteria established for program participation, will determine a suitable daily census that affords the program an ability to maintain proper social distancing and the safety of all in attendance. Programs may not exceed 50% capacity. Transportation remains a question for those individuals living in the community with their families. This will be clarified in the next few days. It is likely that individuals residing in Maryhaven group homes will be transported to program by residential and day staff. **A start date for all day services will be announced formally sometime next week.**

Maryhaven is prepared to permit home visits beginning Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This week, families will be provided with an amended safety guideline issued by the Department of Health that is to be followed at home to best protect you and your loved one.

**Important:** Following home visits, please do not return your loved one to Maryhaven if symptomatic. If your adult child is experiencing symptoms, you are required to provide a copy of the negative COVID lab test results to the site manager prior to their return.

I am very grateful to you for your ongoing cooperation during the pandemic. I know how difficult it has been for you and your loved one to be separated for the past several months. I strongly believe we have nearly eradicated COVID-19 by abiding by the guidelines set forth by the Department of Health and the Governor's Office. Let's continue to be diligent and work together to further prevent the spread of this virus. Stay tuned for additional information.

Enjoy your reunion!

Best,

Charles Vanek  
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments include: Re-opening of Day Services  
Community Outings  
Family home visits