

We wanted to share the below letter, which was sent to staff this week. We hope that this is informative. Please call your house manager with any questions that you may have. Thank you.

September 29, 2020

Hi Everyone,

I hope each of you was able to enjoy this very unusual summer.

Fall has arrived so it is a good time to provide you with the latest information related to the pandemic.

As you know, the individuals who reside within Maryhaven continue to receive day habilitation services in their respective homes. This collaborative effort has gone on much longer than anticipated, but I am grateful for the wonderful teamwork displayed over the past few months. Four day habilitation programs and the Integrated Business Center have opened to individuals who reside in the community at 50% capacity. Zoom classes also provide those individuals who cannot attend with meaningful activity on a regular basis. I expect that this format will continue into the winter months until the virus is eliminated. It is also anticipated that flu season will complicate matters.

Therefore, we have re-established the Emergency Response Team to prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. This group is charged with establishing policy and procedure to keep you safe and informed as well as responding to urgent matters collectively to ensure consistency in approach and messaging.

It is said that 'it takes a village' Well, all of you have been instrumental in containing the virus. Your diligence and commitment to safe practices have led to near zero cases of COVID for an extended period of time. Currently, we do have two active cases that will reach the end of their quarantine period this week. This is an outstanding measure of success.

I ask for continued cooperation washing hands and wearing masks, and socially distancing whenever possible. Thank you for your tolerance and patience. Stay safe!

Sincerely,



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Chief Administrative Officer
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