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EP!C Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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After securing the most updated information and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Human Services and our local Health Department, we are asking for your help in minimizing the potential spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Starting immediately at our residential homes, apartment buildings, and on Monday, our Townline facility, we are restricting entrance to all non-essential visitors. We have implemented our Infection Control Policies, which now include additional recommendations from the sources cited above.

At this time, the immediate health risk to the public in Illinois and the United States remains low. Still, due to the vulnerability of the people, we service we ask that unless it is an emergency, you refrain from visiting EP!C residences and Townline until March 30<sup>th</sup>. We are working with outside agencies, Prairieland/CISA, and medical providers to make alternative arrangements or reschedule meetings, routine visits, or appointments until April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will monitor the safety of the people we support, and lift these restrictions as concerns about the spread of COVID-19 diminishes. Residents in EP!C's Group Homes will stay home next week, and we will evaluate whether this will be extended beyond next week.

EP!C Host Home providers will continue to follow established infection control protocols, and individuals will maintain their routine unless they present with symptoms of influenza or are exposed to someone who is demonstrating signs of infection.

EP!C staff will continue to report to work unless exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms or are exposed to someone exhibiting symptoms.

During this time if you need to see an individual at EP!C or have questions, please feel free to call

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Educational Services	Alex Quillen	(309)265-4178
Employment Services	Katie Murphy	(309)369-0461

EP!C will continue to do its best to provide a safe and healthy environment for all the people we serve, our staff, and be a respectful and cooperative member of our community. As the situation evolves and may change as circumstances change, we will keep you informed.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding,  
Kim Cornwell, CEO