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EP!C Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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In the last few weeks, I have been diligent in communicating with you all weekly to keep you up-to-date on the most important information related to EP!C and the COVID -19 pandemic

Today, unfortunately, we were notified we have our first confirmed case of the virus at one of our group home. The families/Guardians involved were notified immediately. The resident was in the hospital for unrelated concerns and because of their age was tested. The resident will not be returning to the group home for at least the required 14 days.

As a precaution, we implemented our Live-In Isolation Protocol starting on 3rd shift last evening at the resident's group home. The Protocol involves two or more staff based to live in a house for two weeks based on the recommended timeframe. All staff that worked at the group home have been contacted, and they were asked to self-quarantine themselves if they have been in contact with the COVID-19 diagnosee within the last 7 days. These recommendations were given to us from the Peoria Health Department. No one other than the Live-In staff will be allowed in the home, and all supplies will be delivered to the front door.

Due to possible exposure of staff that picked up hours at the affected home we will also implement our Live-In Isolation Protocol at one other group homes for two weeks.

At this time, no one at the second group home is showing any of the key symptoms, but as a precaution effective today on 2nd shift, we will implement the Live-In Isolation Protocol. Again all staff along with Families and Guardians have been notified.

Remember at any time you have questions please feel free to call:

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EP!C will continue to do its best to provide a safe and healthy environment for all the people we serve, our staff, and to be a respectful and cooperative member of our community. We will keep you informed as changes occur.

Take care,

Kim Cornwell, CEO