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EP!C Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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According to Governor Pritzker's live broadcast today, we have not yet hit the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Illinois. We all must continue to focus on protecting ourselves and our families.

EP!C continues to be committed to protecting and preventing your loved one from exposure to the COVID-19 virus. We have made several changes since the beginning of the Stay at Home Order 6 weeks ago and continue to improve and adjust our protocols and staffing as we assess our effectiveness. EP!C has 16 community homes. To date, we have eight residents, from three different homes that have tested positive in the last six weeks. The first three residents that tested positive have recovered. Another three tested positive last week. Two of the three residents are recovering in the home without any significant symptoms. The other resident with a positive case from last week is in the hospital do to an underlying chronic health condition. Finally, our eighth resident tested positive today and is resting at home comfortably.

Additionally, EP!C is working to reopen Educational Services. The Illinois Department of Human Services will send guidelines for Community Day Service Providers instructing us on when we can reopen, the number of people that can attend, and how service delivery will change. As my team and I participate in statewide network meetings, I will keep you informed about when and how we will open our homes and all other services EP!C provides.

Our frontline team members are working hard to keep our residents comfortable and engaged. There are a number of ways you can support these efforts; send thank you notes to the staff or letters to the residents, (who doesn't love to get mail), drop off a meal or pay for a delivery, purchase puzzles with 50 to 100 pieces, lawn furniture, outside glider or bench swings, or outside yard games (ring toss, croquet, bags etc. )

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

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Take care,  
Kim Cornwell, CEO