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EP!C Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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We are celebrating another week without any new positive COVID-19 case. Currently, there is a growing concern over the rising positive cases in our community, so our team members will continue to stay focused and use common sense, whether at work or during their personal time. We, as an EP!C Team, will continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for the people we serve throughout the pandemic. Our team has much to be proud of, so please take the time to thank them.

The maintenance and program teams are in the final stages of their Townline improvement projects and reopening preparations, which will include a new security system. The security system is part of a long-awaited goal for EP!C and will provide a safer work environment for all. We will have more information on the new security system as we get closer to August.

A number of our homes have visited Townline during the last few weeks and will continue to do so on set days for brief visits. Residents of EP!C's CLS and Host Homes, along with assigned day services team members, will visit Townline to practice the new safety protocols and get comfortable with the COVID-19 room assignments. The Program and Human Resources COVID working groups have done an excellent job. We have new safety protocols in place, and an intensive reopening plan is ready for DHS's approval for our August 3<sup>rd</sup> reopening.

We need to make clear; we are only allowed to reopen Day Services on a limited basis on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We plan to start slow and monitor how our safety protocols are working, along with fine-tuning our schedules and transportation processes. The plan involves staggered schedules and limited time frames to start. We are completing an eligibility assessment on everyone, which includes their willingness to practice safe distancing and use of a mask along with a basic health screening. For people that live outside of EP!C's residential service, our case managers will continue to stay in contact with families, guardians, and outside providers to explain our reopening plan to everyone as we get closer to the beginning of August.

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

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Enjoy this weekend and take care,

Kim Cornwell, CEO