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EPIC Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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Thankfully EP!C can celebrate another week without any new positive COVID-19 cases. The Peoria area continues to experience growing numbers of positive cases that reinforce EP!C's need to monitor the exposure our residents have to people and places that could increase their chances of infection. EP!C bases our agency COVID-19 protocols, directives to employees, and our limited reopening of the Townline building on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, Peoria Public Health Department, and the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS).

We understand that the restrictive protocols we have put in place to protect our residents have been extremely difficult for our residents, as well as you and your family. We also understand following the required directives of DHS and closing our Day Services for almost 5 months now has been extremely difficult for many of the people and families that we serve at home and from other agencies. EP!C will continue to be very cautious during this pandemic as we remain dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the people we serve, our staff, and their families.

As we approach Monday, August 3rd and the **limited** reopening of our Day Services, I want to review EP!C's reopening plan. **Only a limited number of residents from EP!C's Community Homes are targeted to attend day services on Monday, August 3rd.**

The first people to start Day Services on August 3rd are a few selected people from EP!C's community. This slow and limited reopening will allow us to assess the effectiveness of our new systems. We understand this is frustrating to those who are not able to begin services on August 3rd. We ask for your continued patience as we take the time to secure our systems and identify the number of people we can safely provide support and services to in our Townline facility before we reopen services to all our residents and the people we serve that live with family and other agencies. During this time, EP!C is offering virtual classroom activities to those interested.

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

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Enjoy your weekend and take care,

Kim Cornwell, CEO