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EPIC Families, Guardians, and Advocates,

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Besides the weather being pleasant this week, we are thankful the staff that tested positive last week are doing fine and there are no new cases.

As you know, we postponed opening our Day Services this week due to the rise in positive cases in Peoria Co. last week, and the Governor's remarks about potentially going back to Phase 3. We are happy that didn't happen and are planning to move forward and start providing Educational Services at Townline on Monday, 8/10/20, with a few EPIC residents. Team members from Educational Services have worked to complete a Health Assessment on EPIC residents targeted to come back into Day Services along with a release signed by their guardians.

Doris Hayes is putting a Health Assessment and a Release to return to Educational Services in the mail today for those of you who have loved ones who live at home with you or with other provider agencies like EPIC. Both of these documents must be completed and returned to EPIC for a person to be assessed to return to Day Services. We ask that our individuals and their families who live at home or with other agencies continue to be patient as we monitor the COVID cases in the greater Peoria area. EPIC, like the rest of the world right now, makes decisions day to day based on the current health status of the community and the environments we work to protect. EPIC will provide services for people living outside EPIC residential services based on our ability to provide a healthy and safe environment for all that attend and work at our Educational Services Program. Again we appreciate everyone's patience

If you have not liked us on our social media platforms yet please do so. We have gotten a lot of great comments on our throwback Thursday posts as an example. Ashley, our Director of Marketing, has posted pictures of EPIC/PARC's history demonstrating how we have been essential to people with disabilities and their families for 70 years. You can also share our post on the upcoming Job Fair on Wednesday, August 19, from 3–6.

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