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I hope this week's letter finds you and your family well.

It was reported to me today (7/31/20) that we have two staff who sub for EP!C that tested positive for the virus. One team member has not worked for over a week, and the other worked this week. Staff and family members of residents that could have been exposed to the two staff have been contacted. Thankfully, they were practicing our protocols properly and reduced the risk of spreading the illness. I reported last week we had an administrative staff person tested positive, and that person continues to feel well.

Many of you saw Governor Pritzker was in Peoria yesterday to express his concern with the rising cases in our area. If the number of positive cases continues to rise, we may be returning to Phase 3 and go under a lockdown again. As a result of this week's increase in local cases, EP!C will again limit our residents' exposure and access to the community. If the Governor takes us back to Phase 3, we will have to limit family visits. This is very unfortunate, and we hope our communities can focus on reducing our numbers of positive cases again. We all must continue to respect others and ourselves by wearing our masks and practicing social distancing.

Also, as a response to the increasing number of positive cases in our area, we will postpone the soft reopening of our Day Services for a least a week. We are hopeful that positive cases will be trending down, and we can safely reopen on August 10th.

This coming week Doris Hayes, our COO, will be sending out by mail a Risk-Benefit Tool and Release to Return to Day Services for all guardians to sign and return. Please do so as soon as possible, so when we can reopen Day Services, your loved one will be eligible to return.

As a reminder, general COVID updates are on our website and more details updates including all of these letters are on the COVID portion of the Family/Advocacy portal. Log in at any time or request an account by visiting <https://epicci.org/login/>

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