

March 15, 2020

#### **UPDATE**

To the children, youth and adults we support, their families and staff members,

Further to the memo of March 13, 2020, I would like to provide an update regarding additional measures Bethesda is taking in order to ensure that we are acting in your best interest.

#### **DAY ACTIVITIES**

Effective immediately and until further notice, Bethesda will be suspending all Day Activity programs. Staff are to arrive for work as usual and will receive direction at that time.

# **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Effective immediately and until further notice, face-to-face services will be suspended. We will remain available to families via phone, email, etc. Staff are to arrive for work as usual and will receive direction at that time.

## **ADULT CLINICAL SERVICES**

Effective immediately and until further notice, Bethesda is modifying Clinical Services, suspending all face-to-face involvement (unless critical in nature). We will remain available to those receiving services utilizing phone, email, etc.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Effective immediately and until further notice, all administrative staff are to work from home where possible.

## **RESPITE STAFF**

Effective immediately and until further notice, Adult Respite will be suspended. Staff are to arrive for work as usual and will receive direction at that time.

#### **GUEST VISITS**

Effective immediately and until further notice, non-essential visits to any of Bethesda's facilities are suspended.

While we recognize that these steps will provide inconvenience and significant difficulties to many of you, the steps are necessary in order to continue providing the high quality care you have come to expect from Bethesda.

As we continue to monitor the situation we will keep you all informed. Please direct any questions you may have to your Bethesda contact. If you prefer, you are also encouraged to email us at <a href="mailto:info@bethesdaservices.com">info@bethesdaservices.com</a> with questions and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

**Brian Davies** 

Chief Executive Officer

Bethesda