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Dear family members and friends of individuals supported in Community Living Services by CSS:

I am writing to update you on new positive test results for COVID-19 for both individuals and staff in our CSS community.

An individual who resides in a CSS home has tested positive for COVID -19. The individual developed a fever earlier in the week and was tested on Wednesday, May 6, due to his symptoms. The family has been notified as well as all of the employees who had primary contact with the individual. The employees appear to be doing fine, and are not exhibiting any signs or symptoms. Some of the employees are self isolating in an empty house CSS has provided them, and some are continuing to work with the individual. All employees working with the individual have been trained and equipped with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

CSS also has three employees who have recently tested positive for COVID-19. One employee had contact with his house during the time he could have been contagious, the other two employees did not work during the time for which they would have been a primary contact for the people in the CSS Houses. The three employees all have mild symptoms at this time. The individuals that reside at the house where there could have been cross contamination from the employee that tested positive, as well as the other employees, are not exhibiting any symptoms at this time. The families of the residents at this house have been notified of the potential exposure. The employees at this house have all been trained and equipped with additional PPE as a precaution.

As you are probably all aware, the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 in Montgomery County continues to increase. Furthermore, the state has not changed the recommendation that visitors not be allowed in nursing homes, group homes, or any congregate living settings. CSS is continuing to follow this guideline, and hopes that by our continued vigilance with social distancing practices, we will

see a decrease in positive cases of this virus and be able to resume some form of family visitation in person in the future.

We will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,

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