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Dear Parents,

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

A CSS direct support staff, working in a residence, has tested positive for COVID-19. Neither of the individuals with whom the staff had contact with or the other employees that work at the house show any symptoms. The families of the individuals at this house and the employees that work at this house have been informed and are being monitored closely. The employee, who is ill, is out and will remain at her home until she is recovered and cleared to be non contagious. Another staff member is self-isolating due to concerns about her exposure.

We have also had three other individuals tested for COVID-19, due to low fevers. One of the three has tested negative, the other two test results are not back yet, but presumed positive until we know for sure. These individuals reside in two separate houses. The families of these individuals and the employees that work at these houses have been informed of the testing being done. All individuals are being treated with in-home care at this time as this is the recommendation for people with the symptoms these individuals are exhibiting. They are being monitored closely. The housemate of one of the individuals is being moved and isolated at a separate house in an effort to prevent him from continuing to be exposed to his housemate, who is likely positive.

All individuals awaiting test results are presumed positive. Staff are provided with PPE, and nurses monitor vital signs closely. So far, staff have not shown any symptoms of the virus. Some staff may choose to self isolate in empty houses CSS can provide for them, and some are continuing to work with the individuals using PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

Additionally, a staff member, who works at a different CSS home, has been tested for COVID-19, due to exposure to someone at another agency who is positive. The staff has no

symptoms, but is not working at CSS until he is cleared. The families of the individuals at this house and the employees that work there have been informed and are being monitored closely.

Two individuals, who tested positive several weeks ago, are now recovered and cleared. All the staff in the first home were tested recently to determine if they had contracted the virus as they continued to work with the person. Four results are back, and are all negative, including the individual. We are very optimistic with these results, and are hopeful that the use of PPE, and careful compliance with virus control can keep staff from contracting the illness, even when in close proximity providing care.

We will continue to update you on this constantly evolving crisis.

Sincerely,

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