



March 26, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians -

I hope this letter finds you and your families doing well as we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of the COVID-19 (coronavirus). I am writing to provide you with some updates and important information as we adapt and evolve in order to continue advancing our mission while keeping the health, safety and well-being of your loved ones as our top priority.

· **All Program locations in Eastham, Hyannis and Falmouth will remain closed until Monday, May 4th.** Although our centers are closed, day program work will continue through new and adaptive service delivery models. Our team is working to deliver day programs through a modified and adaptive service delivery model, such as nursing through telehealth and the "Bringing our Day Programs to our Residential Programs" initiative.

· **The Cape Abilities Farm in Dennis is scheduled to open on Saturday May 1st,** and the Cape Abilities Thrift Store in West Yarmouth, Cape Abilities Farm Store in Chatham and Cape Abilities Vending will remain closed until further notice.

· **We recently launched the *Adopt a Home* program,** an initiative to raise monies that will supplement the costs of operating our residential programs. Funds from this appeal are helping us reward all staff providing direct care in our residential homes with a \$3 per hour bonus during the week and an additional \$1 per hour during the weekend. We've also purchased iPads for all the homes, so our residents can virtually communicate with family and friends during these socially distant times. If you would like to support the *Adopt A Home* program, please visit www.CapeAbilities.org/AdoptAHome

· **To ensure health, safety and well-being of the individuals we serve,** we are continually updating and implementing our services in accordance and alignment with the guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the MA Department of Public Health (DPH) and other state agencies, such as the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

In these times of social distancing, we remain committed to staying connected with our families and guardians and prioritizing the health, safety and well-being of their loved ones. If you have any ideas, questions or feedback for how we can improve doing this, please let me know.

In Service,



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