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Dear Friends -

I hope this letter finds you and your families doing well as we kick off the unofficial start of a new kind of summer here on the Cape.

As you know, regardless of the season, the mission of Cape Abilities never stops. Currently, we are responding to the revised guidelines recently released by the office of Governor Charlie Baker for re-opening the state of Massachusetts' workforce and operations. This is affecting Cape Abilities not only through our programming and day-to-day administrative operations, but through our businesses as well. So I want to provide you with an important mission update as we adapt and evolve during this COVID-19 coronavirus crisis.

You may recall, at the outset of the coronavirus crisis, Cape Abilities formed a cross-departmental **Crisis Response Team (CRT)** to the coordination, planning and implementation of our agency's response to the Coronavirus. This team has continually aligned our agency's response with the guidance and recommendations from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other local and state agencies and officials.

As statewide operational guidelines around this crisis continue to unfold, our Crisis Response Team will now evolve into a multi-departmental **Cape Abilities Re-Opening Taskforce (CART)**. This team will still man the helm to keep you well informed of all COVID-19 related changes and information, and it will also provide you with new updates and directions regarding a phased re-opening plan of Cape Abilities programming and administrative operations. The **CART** team is in the process of developing the first phases of our re-opening plan and will soon be providing you with update on the plan.

Please be aware that every parent and guardian will be contacted by a Cape Abilities staff person to offer you a more personalized discussion to determine your particular needs and answer your specific questions. Your input plays an important and vital role throughout our re-opening process and we assure you that our actions will align with the guidance from our public health officials and state agencies.

I hope you remain confident in our determination to do whatever it takes to advance our mission and ensure the health, well-being and safety of your loved one, your family, our community, and the individuals we serve.

Please be safe.

My best,



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