June 29, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

This communication pertains mainly to families, guardians and caregivers for individuals that participate in a Cape Abilities Day Program: Day Habilitation, Employment and/or Community Based Day Supports programs.

Cape Abilities continues to align its re-opening plans with the multi-phased reopening plans and guidelines set forth by the Office of Governor Baker and our related state agencies; as we await their official guidance on when we can open our Day Program locations, we have been actively planning and preparing to open our Day Program locations by July 7th, 2020. However, as of today, we are unable to confirm when we will re-open our Day Programs locations.

The decision about when and how our Day Programs can open will be made by Governor Baker's office. As soon as we have receive the guidelines and information from the State about re-opening, we will assess our agency's ability to open our Day Programs safely and in accordance with those guidelines and then we will decide and announce our program start date.

By way of reminder, our plan is to re-open at reduced capacity so that we re-open in the safest manner possible for all. This deliberate approach to assure safety measures by limiting attendance and controlling member density will align with the most up-to-date guidelines and information for physical distancing as directed from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Controls and state and local agencies and officials. In addition, we will continue online, virtual programming for participants that are not immediately able to physically attend day programs.

Please rest assured that we are trying to be as proactive and communicative as possible in this decision-making process, while also ensuring that the health, safety and well-being of all individuals we serve and our staff remains our top priority.

We invite you to contact our Chief Operations Officer, Leah LaCross, at lacross@capeabilities.org, with any questions or concerns.

Please be safe,

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