July 3, 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. Yesterday, Governor Baker announced that Phase three will start on July 6th; however our funding agencies have advised us that we must wait for publication of their detailed guidance and ensure that we are following this guidance prior to opening our day programs.

As soon as we have receive all 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. At this time we anticipate a limited opening will be possible between July 13th and July 20, 2020.

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 llacross@capeabilities.org, with any questions or concerns.
Please be safe,

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