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Dear PATH Participants and Families,

Here at PATH, as always, your health, safety, and well-being are our highest priority. As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”) outbreak, I want you to know that we are taking steps to make sure that you and your loved ones can receive the services you need.

Right now, based on information from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control, all PATH locations are open and operating as usual. None of our staff have reported any suspected cases of COVID-19. Our staff have been instructed to stay home and see a doctor if they experience any COVID-19 symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and they will stay home until they are symptom-free and cleared by their doctor.

Should the situation worsen, we have a plan in place that will allow for continued service delivery to the greatest extent possible. We will communicate any alternatives to how we work together if needed in case of quarantines or shutdowns.

Please remember to notify PATH if you cannot keep your appointment or cannot attend your day program for any reason. Also, if you have been infected with COVID-19 please let us know so that we can take appropriate steps.

In addition, here are some steps you can take to help you stay healthy:

- Avoid touching your face, especially mouth, ears, and eyes
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice)
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and wash your hands afterwards
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and items you use frequently, such as your phone
- If you have symptoms, please stay home until your fever has been gone and you receive clearance from your doctor.
- Make back-up plans if PATH has to close our day programs.

We are thinking of all of those affected by COVID-19 and will continue to do what we can to keep PATH a healthy place for you and your family to receive the services you need. For now, it is business as usual. We will keep you posted if anything related to our services needs to change. On behalf of our Board and all PATH staff, I thank you for your flexibility as the situation unfolds. Feel free to contact your staff member if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth (Betty) Andl-Petkov
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