



SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

TO: ALL LIBERTY FAMILIES
FROM: JENNIFER SAUNDERS, CEO
DATE: APRIL 6, 2020
SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Liberty Family Member,

This message is intended to inform you that we have another confirmed case of COVID-19. An individual we support who resides at our Hickory Hill IRA has tested positive for the coronavirus. This person developed symptoms consistent with COVID-19, was tested, and we received the test result this weekend. All families of the people we support who have been affected by this, as well as impacted staff, have been notified.

Fortunately, all of the other residents of the Hickory Hill home are currently asymptomatic. The residence will remain under quarantine until April 14th. Staff who remain asymptomatic will not be quarantined to the Hickory Hill IRA for fourteen days; as essential healthcare workers they will be able to travel between their home and the Hickory Hill residence (their work site). This is a welcome change in the quarantine process applied by the Montgomery County Department of Health.

We are taking every precaution possible to limit the spread of this virus and to protect our staff and the people we support. In the affected home, we are ensuring staff use full personal protective equipment (PPE) for the remaining period of the quarantine which includes: an N-95 mask, gloves, scrubs, and a face shield/goggles. Agency wide, all staff reporting to work must have their temperature taken (must be below 100.0 degrees) at the start of their shift and all staff working in a residential site or in FSS are required to wear an Agency provided surgical mask will on shift.

We all need to follow guidelines to protect ourselves and one another. We encourage you to heed the advice of public health experts - practice social distancing whenever possible, use masks, and thoroughly wash your hands frequently. The people we support are incredibly vulnerable and we all to need to do our part to protect them.

We are developing Agency contingency plans to address the possible outcome of wide-spread coronavirus within the community and our workforce. The health and safety of our staff and the people we support remains our utmost priority.

Wishing each of you good health,
Jennifer Saunders

Chief Executive Officer

