



May 29, 2020

Dear Pathfinder Families,

**Week 11, Day 5:** June 1st is Monday; we experienced four seasons during May, starting with beautiful spring days at the beginning of the month, a Mother's Day weekend snowstorm, more spring days, then finally some hot humid August-like days this past week. The grass is growing fast, almost impossible to keep up with!

Residents and staff had some active Mileage Club afternoons this past week. Still participating house-by-house in designated areas, it's been great to see an active campus. With the humidity this week, residents walked with their water bottles from our "Win with Water" hydration campaign. Residents have learned a lot about the benefits of drinking water, so they were able to put that knowledge to work this week for sure! We had safe no-contact water refill stations at each walking site just in case refills were needed.

**We remain COVID free!** As summer comes, we remind staff to keep Pathfinder on their minds when going about life away from the Village. Our latest mantra-- Mask On, Hands Clean, Circles Small, Distance Wide --is a gentle reminder we hope staff will take to heart.

Virtual Splash Path is this tomorrow! Thank you to the many who have registered! This is a free event; we just ask that you register so we can track our participants. Register with our new online partner at:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2020/31323/virtual-splash-path-2020>

The local weather report is looking to be mild, partly sunny, low 70's -- perfect outdoor exercise weather. We have a day of fun activities planned on campus for the residents (all safe and exercising social distancing of course). Be on the lookout next week for pictures on Facebook and Instagram. We hope you'll join the fun from where you are! Take pictures of your run/walk and share them on Pathfinder's Facebook page, Instagram and our dedicated virtual run page set up by ASICS-Runkeeper (you need to be registered to do this option). We look forward to hearing from our many friends, family members and supporters from all over!

Pathfinder's Senior Leaders have been hard at work on the [Pathfinder Playbook COVID-19 Campus Reopening Guide](#). We finished today with a working draft to present to the Board next week; following that, we will share the final version with all PV families. Kudos to my senior staff for their hard work and dedication to this effort-- no small task! Each department and each protocol is interconnected; I wish it was as easy as unlocking the doors and turning the lights back on. Our team agrees that it has been nice doing some forward thinking about Pathfinder's plans to get back to business.

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Entering week 12, it's no surprise that we are weary and wondering how much longer this state of isolation will go on. As a reminder, New York State has "No Visitor" and "No Community Access" Orders in place. We have developed a family visitation protocol as part of our Playbook, but until the State lifts its Orders, we cannot facilitate family visits. This week I called a half-dozen trusted provider colleagues to discuss this and they are all holding firm on this issue. A few providers have attempted "window visits" and "drive by visits," but the results were not favorable.

I also spoke to Nick Cappoletti, CEO of LifePlan, our CCO partner, and he shared that OPWDD is working on a revised visitation policy. He also reinforced that most, if not all, providers are holding firm about visitations. Until we can facilitate a meaningful and safe reunion, I believe it is best to stay the course.

We hope to see some Virtual Splash Path pictures from our Pathfinder Families this weekend! Stay well.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Landers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

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