

July 10, 2020

Dear Pathfinder Families,

**Week 17, Day 5:** ...In my more youthful years, I loved to train for a variety of athletic event--running, cycling, etc. I enjoyed the day-to-day grind of training, witnessing progress and making it through to the finish line. I would check off each day's activity as accomplished, plan for the next week's activities and repeat that cycle for weeks. I guess that is why I start every family update with a week count? Managing COVID 19 at Pathfinder is like training for a marathon! The only difference, and a BIG difference, is we don't have an endpoint with COVID-19 nor do we have a roadmap to refer to. As a group, we ask ourselves: Are we moving too fast, too slow or just right? Can we maintain and for how long? Much of our reopening is a trial-and-error/success process. My team works hard week-after-week so we take the right next step, keeping true to our COVID CREED (Be Healthy, Be Kind, Be Patient), and keep your family member safe.

### **Week 17 was a great week at Pathfinder Village!**

- On campus programming continues to yield excellent results. Your family members are amazing! Each week that passes, they become more familiar and comfortable with COVID-19 precautions. The café and shopping simulations in The Commons have been a huge factor in getting residents to practice social distancing and wearing masks. Mileage Club continues three times a week. Enrichment is adding more art and music classes to the weekly schedule. We are fortunate to have wonderful facilities to take advantage of during this time of pause. During this entire period of isolation, levels of resident participation at all campus activities have been extraordinarily high. Folks are active and engaged; and we continue to experience low rates of illness and behavioral concerns. COVID silver linings!
- The Produce Market is going well. We have about half our normal traffic from the community, which is fine. Community members are happy to be back at Pathfinder and appreciate the safe and clean shopping environment.
- This was our second week of on-campus brief family visitations. All I can say is...WOW! To witness these reunions...what an honor. Residents navigated these visits like pros; feedback from families and resident reactions, are all very positive. Thanks to all our families for doing your part to make these visits successful. We are looking forward to the on-campus extended visits coming up next week. **JUST A REMINDER: Families must be tested and Self-Quarantine prior to arriving for extended visits. Test results are taking a bit longer due to the national spike in cases, so plan ahead!** We are off to a good start with visitations.
- Pathfinder School opened Monday! About 55% of our students returned to campus for summer school, the rest will receive remote learning. Maura Iorio and her team did a super job preparing our school for returning students. I stopped by and it was wonderful to see happy kids and happy faculty. [Visit our Facebook page](#) to see photos and see the pictures below.
- We welcomed two new residents to Pathfinder Village this week. After an extensive admission process that required testing and extended quarantine, we safely admitted two females to our community. These families waited a long time for this day to happen...much JOY on our campus this week.
- The Enrichment Department coordinated an Independence Day Parade for residents. Many staff from all departments joined in. Here's a [YouTube video](#) and event photos are on our Facebook page.

Below is the **Governor's Travel Advisory**. The travel advisory list gets updated at least weekly.

**Purpose:** In response to increased rates of COVID-19 transmission in other states, and to protect New York's successful containment of COVID-19, the State has joined with New Jersey and Connecticut in issuing a travel advisory for anyone returning from states that have a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19.

**Guidance for Travel:** The travel advisory went into effect on Thursday, June 25, 2020. If you have traveled from within one of the designated states with significant community spread, you must quarantine when you enter New York for 14 days from the last travel within such designated state, provided on the date you enter into New York State that such state met the criteria for requiring such quarantine. (Designated states have either a positive test rate higher than 10/100,000 residents over a 7-day rolling average, or a testing positivity rate higher than 10% over a 7-day rolling average).

*“ that each life may find meaning ”<sup>®</sup>*

The requirements of the travel advisory do not apply to any individual passing through designated states for a limited duration (i.e., less than 24 hours) through the course of travel. Examples of such brief passage include but are not limited to stopping at rest stops for vehicles, buses, and/or trains; or lay-overs for air travel, bus travel, or train travel.

The travel advisory requires all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out-of-state, to take personal responsibility for complying with the advisory in the best interest of public health and safety. To file a report of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine pursuant to the travel advisory, please call 1-833-789-0470 or visit this website:

<https://mylicense.custhelp.com/app/ask>. Individuals may also contact their local health department.

**NYS Travel Advisory List, effective 7/8/20. If your State is listed, this prevents you from visiting Pathfinder Village.**

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Arizona
- California
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Iowa
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Nevada
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah

Finally, we plan to mail our Workforce Appeal by the end of the month. This appeal is a fund-raising effort to continue to recognize our workforce for all they have done and will continue to do into 2021. The fund will provide additional resources to assist essential workers to continue to take care of themselves and their families. Their well-being is vital to your family member's well-being! We hope to raise \$150,000; we have several generous pledges that make this goal achievable. I ask that you and your extended family consider going above and beyond to reach our goal and support the staff at Pathfinder Village.

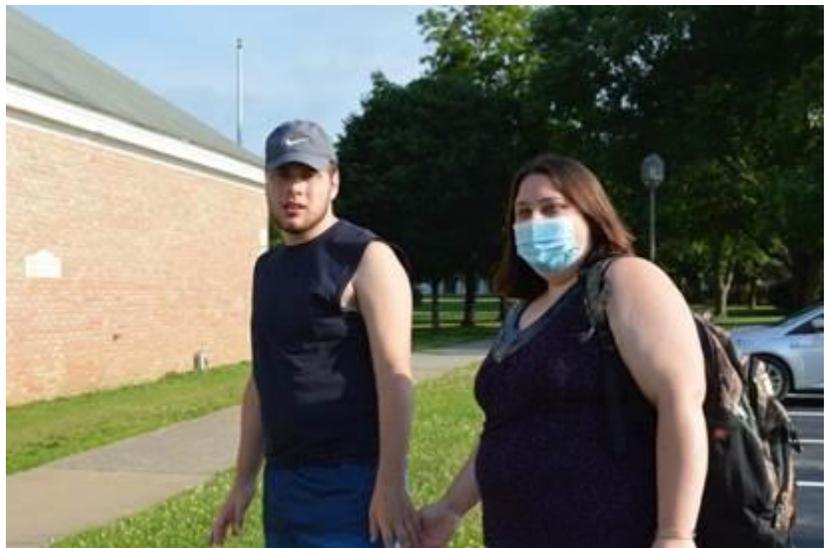
As always, thanks again for all you do for Pathfinder Village. Be healthy, be kind, be patient!



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**First day of Pathfinder Summer School 2020 – Great to be back!**