



August 8, 2020

Dear Pathfinder Families,

**Week 21 is in the books** and we have a warm, sunny start to Week 22. We have certainly had the nice weather on our side this summer (excluding last week's deluge, of course).

At this point, many families are reuniting with their loved ones both on- or off-campus...JOY abounds at the Village! The amount of work to coordinate these visits is staggering. Friday, I was on a call with OPWDD and communicated to them that between family visitations and staff and resident screening activities, Pathfinder Village must dedicate 3.0 FTE's to manage the process, along with the additional required ancillary supports of cleaning, food preparations and sanitizing personal belongings. We are planning, monitoring, communicating 24/7 to keep our Village safe and facilitate happy and productive visits. KUDOS to all our staff!

Beginning September 1, 2020, we will begin charging families for extended on-campus family visits. The Inn room rate is \$80/night and the meal charge is \$30/per person per stay. For off-campus home visits, we ask families to minimize the number of items brought back to campus due to the need for misting and 24-hour quarantine.

We have updated the protocol for extended on-campus visits (please see attachment). This revised Protocol essentially eliminates the need for the COVID test prior to your visit to PV, but it does include a more-thorough pre-screening that includes a "look back" at the 14 days prior to your scheduled visit to the Village. We ask that all visitations are scheduled at least 10 days in advance to support the new prescreening requirements.

A reminder to IRA families: Effective October 1st, the State has placed a LIMIT for HOME VISITS, a maximum of 96 home visits/year. If you exceed this limit, the State will reduce occupancy payments to Pathfinder Village. The 96 visits averages 8 visits/month. I ask that families do their best to stay within the visitation limit.

**Here is an update of Village operations:**

OPEN:

- Pathfinder School: day and residential students
- Family Visits: on and off campus
- Adult Day Services: Pathfinder residents (PT), community participants (FT), with no co-mingling of PV homes

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- Enrichment: 7 days/week, no co-mingling of homes
- Café: Window service open and outdoor seating available (without service). Residents will begin enjoying the café Monday this week!
- Admissions: Extensive pre-screening & quarantining in place
- Otsego Academy: Scheduled to open 8/31

PAUSE:

- Community Outings
- ARC Day Programs
- Off-campus transportation

You should be receiving in the mail our “ALL IN THIS TOGETHER” campaign brochure. This appeal is to support our workforce and essential workers as we continue to navigate through COVID-19. I hope each one of you finds a way to support our dedicated workers!

The next BIG immediate threat we see for Pathfinder is the re-opening of public schools in our area. Each district is opening differently, placing significant hardship on Pathfinder working parents. We are not sure of the fallout, but we are communicating daily with our front line workers to plan and accommodate as much as we can. I suspect staffing will be unstable during this re-opening period. In the meantime, we ask for your understanding and continued patience.

Our Nursing Department is prepping for FLU shots. Please return your authorization as soon as possible so we can get these scheduled. Bassett Healthcare is also preparing for influenza season and continued COVID-19 exposures. They hope to have their main clinic and satellite health centers equipped with rapid COVID testing machines and kits by October 1st. The ability to test for COVID-19 symptoms with quick results during flu season will mitigate “presumed COVID + cases,” while being able to test for the flu. With similar symptoms, the ability to rule out COVID-19 quickly will assist Pathfinder in managing the next stage of the pandemic.

Our annual Ice Cream Social will take place Wednesday, August 12th at the Pavilion. Slightly modified to keep everyone safe, but keeping the tradition intact, Paula and the Enrichment staff have planned a great event...and who doesn't love ice cream?! The weather looks perfect for Wednesday, so make sure you check out Facebook and Instagram for pictures after the event!

Thank you for your continued support. Be healthy, be kind, be patient.



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**Extended Family Visitation Protocol – Option A (Revised August 2020)**

|                       | <b>Mandatory Practice</b>  |
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| <b>Prior to Visit</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visits should be scheduled at least 10 days in advance of visit to support pre-screening requirements.</li> <li>• At the time of scheduling Pathfinder Village and family will agree on a visit date.</li> <li>• All visitors will receive a pre-screening questionnaire at the time of scheduling.</li> <li>• Pre-screening questionnaire will include questions pertaining to exposure to COVID-19 and COVID-19 symptom check for 14 days preceding the visit.</li> <li>• All visitors will confirm that a) during the 14 days preceding the on-site visit, they, as well as anyone in their household, were not suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, b) during the 14 days preceding the on-site visit, they, as well as anyone in their household, were not exposed to COVID-19, c) during the 14 days preceding the visit they, as well as anyone in their household, did not display symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature of 100° or higher, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, chills, muscle pain, or new loss of taste or smell.</li> <li>• Visitors residing in any state listed on New York State’s Travel Advisory are prohibited from visiting Pathfinder Village</li> <li>• All visitors are reminded that COVID-19 precautions remain in place at Pathfinder Village, including, proper and frequent handwashing, physical distancing, mask use, cleaning/disinfecting of surfaces, and no co-mingling between homes.</li> <li>• To participate in a visit the individual is not suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and is not under any quarantine or isolation requirement</li> <li>• To participate in a visit the individual must pass a health screening and temperature check prior to the visit.</li> <li>• The visitation location is a non-residential setting.</li> <li>• Duration of visit will be determined on a case by case basis.</li> <li>• Limit family visitors to 5.</li> <li>• No items allowed to be brought in by family on visitation day. Families can mail items to be used during visit 1 week prior to visit.</li> <li>• Site is cleaned before and after each visit.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued on page 2)</i></p> |

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| <b>Day of Visit</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please park in the Inn parking area.</li><li>• Family is screened at the Inn by the visitation facilitator. Health screening includes temperature check and COVID symptom check.</li><li>• All visitors will be provided a new mask and access to hand sanitizer.</li><li>• Individual will wash his/her hands and don a mask prior to joining the visit.</li><li>• Residential staff will accompany individual to/from visit.</li><li>• Wear masks during visit when physical distancing cannot be maintained.</li><li>• Outside walks are allowed in identified locations.</li><li>• Visitors/Family members are not allowed to visit individual's home.</li><li>• Outside walks are allowed in identified locations.</li><li>• Family is not allowed to visit resident's home.</li><li>• Do not leave campus at any time during your visit.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The individual will wash his/her hands immediately after the visit.</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>Following Visit</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All visitors must agree to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 3 days following the visit and to disclose development of any symptoms to Pathfinder Village</li><li>• Site cleaned after visit.</li></ul>   |