

# PATHFINDER ★ VILLAGE

March 17, 2020

Dear Pathfinder Families and Friends,

Thank you for your continued support. As you know, recommendations from the DOH, CDC and OPWDD are changing quickly. Our Senior Leadership Team continues to meet every morning to review internal protocol and plan Pathfinder's response.

Locally, Otsego County declared a 30-day State of Emergency on March 13. As of today, there are no confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the county.

The tri-state region of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have imposed crowd size and venue restrictions for recreational and social gatherings of no more than 50 people. All restaurants and bars are closed for on-premise service, though some now have take-out/delivery options. Theatres, health clubs, and casinos are closed until further notice. This uniform approach is to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Pathfinder remains a closed campus: We have restricted staff meetings and gatherings to groups of no more than 8-10 individuals. Our residential homes continue to stay together, but there is no co-mingling with other homes on campus.

Kudos to our amazing residential and program staff. They are reporting to work as usual; most are going beyond the call of duty. In some cases, we are learning Best Practices from them, as they are on the forefront, working directly with your loved ones. Our vendors and delivery service professionals are fantastic at following our protocols, so we don't expect problems. While we miss our "regulars" at the Bakery, they too are being respectful and keeping their distance.

As mentioned last week, our adult day services and enrichment staff members are working alongside our residential staff for day and evening programming so that our residents keep busy and active. Daily schedules have been developed, and the staff work side-by-side to create a meaningful day for all. Activities take place in each home and at three sites throughout the Village, giving each resident an opportunity to get out of the house while remaining safe. These sites are cleaned after each session.

We recognize that visits with loved ones have been postponed. In order to address this disappointment and as a creative solution, we are in the planning stages, working with our IT support team, of creating a way for you to video chat with your loved one. Please let Executive Assistant Sally Trosset know if you are interested in this service by the end of the business day Wed., March 18th ([strosset@pathfindervillage.org](mailto:strosset@pathfindervillage.org), 607-965-8377) and she will provide further information.

Finally, we have developed a coping motto to help us all keep our hearts and minds in the right place:

• **Be Healthy**   • **Be Kind**   • **Be Patient**

As always, please feel free contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you again for your support.



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