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Dear Pathfinder Families,

Day 5, Week 6: The Village remains COVID-19 FREE! This week we focused on worker compliance; we updated and introduced new COVID-19 protocols and pushed out new staff education videos:

- Business/Vendor On-Site Pre-Screening Protocol
- Building/Staff Pre-Screening protocol (mirrors our residential site pre-screening protocol)
- Nursing Assessment Protocol for COVID-19 Quarantine
- Dr. Haswell, Pathfinder Village Medical Director, Medical Minute Video – Staff Protocol at Work & Home

Our staff continues to be diligent following protocols with hand washing, mask wearing, temperature taking, social distancing, etc.

Thank you for the ongoing PPE donations. In the coming weeks I will provide a long-term PPE supply list to get us through the next few months as well as a fall/winter supply.

The IRS last week began sending stimulus checks (paper checks and transferring funds via direct deposit). Some Pathfinder residents are starting to receive their payments. We are told the IRS expects to send \$5 million paper checks per week and they estimate the whole mailing process could take up to 20 weeks (direct deposit will be faster). For our purposes, it would be helpful for our Finance Department to know our residents' filing status (taxpayer, dependent, neither); please check in with Tracy Aylesworth, Finance Assistant at (607) 965-8377, ext. 139, regarding this and she will take any necessary steps to help apply as needed. She can answer any other questions you might have.

Pathfinder Village received funds from the Payroll Protection Program early this week and is reviewing the final guidance from the Federal Government. We hope to use these funds over the next 8 weeks to help subsidize operational expenses and provide employees with enhanced wages for their extraordinary efforts. We recognize these funds are temporary and will only support a small portion of our operational needs through 2020. With that in mind, we will be initiating a targeted fundraising campaign, "We are all in this Together" to support and reward our workforce. Several families have asked, "How can we help further?" This campaign is the answer! As you know, we are blessed with a hardworking and loyal staff.

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Bassett Healthcare Network finalized its testing protocol in the event the virus enters Pathfinder. Once initiated, the Bassett community health team will conduct a thorough contact trace, and all residents/personnel who meet the contact trace criteria will be tested. In addition, Bassett is working on a plan to provide antibody testing to the public, with healthcare workers as a priority. We are making progress with testing.

After consultation with our Medical Director, Dr. David Haswell, we will be expanding our on-campus activities for residents. While he strongly urged us to continue the practice of no co-mingling of homes, he did approve additional enrichment activities and venues, our popular outdoor mileage club, and the opening of one of our day service sites (all with rotating attendance by house, and proper cleaning/disinfecting after each session). We believe these additional activities will help our residents return to some normalcy, increase their physical activity, and the change of scenery will be a positive mental boost. With increased environmental cleaning and no co-mingling of homes, Dr. Haswell feels these are safe accommodations. We discussed other issues related to reopening, but he believes it is premature at this time. We will revisit these again in mid-May.

So, all in all, a good week. We continue to hear from many families and the donations keep coming. We continue to be grateful and humbled by this. Pathfinder continues to be a magical place; a little too quiet, but we are healthy and strong. We can't ask for much more than that!

Best,



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P.S. – Pathfinder made the news again this week! Please check out this [nice article](#) about our fantastic Mobile Market in The Daily Star!