



March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued kind words as we make our way through understanding, responding and providing the best services to our Pathfinder residents. It is anticipated that President Trump will declare a national emergency over the coronavirus pandemic. On the local level, we continue to monitor the CDC, NYS Dept. of Health/OPWDD, and Otsego County DOH for Best Practice protocols for managing COVID -19. We also are monitoring our local community partners and their response. This morning our Senior Leadership Team and Medical Director met, and we agreed that the Best Practice is to operate with **heightened social distancing** in place. This is an effective means of containing the virus' spread.

**Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, Pathfinder Village will be a closed campus. Heightened social distancing entails:**

- **Pathfinder School:** The school will follow Edmeston Central School's closure plan (or the student's home school plan). Please note, if Edmeston Central School closes, Pathfinder School will close too.
- **Pathfinder Bakery, Inn, and Produce Market:** Closed to the general public.
- **Pathfinder Produce Mobile Market:** Our staff will continue to assemble and deliver our Produce Food Boxes via Mobile Market van.
- **Pathfinder Village Residential Students & Adults:** Residential students will attend school until closure. Then students will then take part in the adult day program; adult residents will participate on a modified schedule with their housemates only, rotating through different activity stations at a few isolated sites on campus. Sites will be thoroughly cleaned between sessions. Residential staff will remain in the homes assisting residents.; ADS staff will serve as activity staff.
- **Pathfinder Village Nursing Services:** Open, normal schedule. Any nonessential appointments will be rescheduled.
- **Pathfinder Village Ancillary Staff (housekeeping, central kitchen):** Open, normal schedule
- **Pathfinder Village Office Staff:** Open, normal schedule

Your loved ones are our top priority. School, residential, and behavioral support staff members are working on strategies and materials to answer questions and address any anxiety or uncertainty that our residents may feel. It is our hope that residents' schedules and routines will remain as normal as possible under these circumstances.

For families and residents who are now away from the Village, we ask that they not return for the time being. If you have any scheduled meetings at the Village, please plan to participate remotely.

We have reviewed our internal policies on pandemic/quarantine situations. As you know, news, updates and protocols are changing rapidly. We will do our best to keep you informed of any changes. Of course, if our heightened social distancing status changes, we will notify you immediately. Please feel free to call me (Main #-ext. 102, 607-376-2577) or CPO Kelly Meyers (Main #-ext. 154, 607-316-7790) with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Landers".

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