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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Community Living York South, we are continually monitoring the situation and are in regular contact with Canadian Public Health Authorities. As well, we are working closely with our teams, planning and responding to the situation, to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

At this time, we wanted to reach out to you and provide you with an update on what is occurring at Community Living York South during the pandemic.

We are taking all appropriate measures to ensure that the homes and community locations are safe and that we have plans and protocols in place to ensure they stay that way. Our focus is on providing essential direct support to the people who use our services and the infrastructure that makes that happen. With this in mind, we must continue with the closure of all our day programs and office locations. Day programs will remain closed until further notice.

Unfortunately, nobody knows how long this pandemic will continue, but all indicators are that it will be shorter if we all limit contact with others as much as possible. Community Living York South will continue not to accept any visitors into the twenty-four (24) hours support locations until further notice.

We fully understand the pressure this is putting on families. We know this is causing hardship for so many people in our community. However, we will continue to support your family member to stay connected with you remotely via face time, skype, phone calls and other virtual platforms. A new initiative, Be Active! Be Well! has begun. This program is open to all people supported. Information regarding this initiative is attached. Also please check out the Outreach teams' Econnector with many programs, resources and information. Please sign up for this invaluable resource at <https://www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca/contactForm>

We are so grateful to families for your ongoing support and appreciate your understanding as we implement measures that are difficult but the right thing to do at this time.

We are very proud of and sincerely thank our wonderful staff team, here at Community Living York South!

Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely

Don Wilkinson
Executive Director

to live, learn, work, and participate in their community.

*Autonomisant des personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle,
avec des moyens de vivre, d'apprendre, de travailler et de Empowering people with an intellectual disability
participer à leur communauté.*

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