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**UPDATE**

To the individuals we support, their families and our community partners,

As I am sure many of you are aware, recently the Ontario Government announced heightened precautions in Niagara, precautions that have significant implications to Bethesda's Adult Residential and Day Programs. Changes include the following:

- Day Activities must be reduced to cohorts of 5 people, including staff;
- Short stay absences must be limited to activities that enable health and important life activities such as school and/or doctor appointments;
- Essential visitors and essential overnight absences are permitted;
- Non-essential and indoor visits are prohibited; and
- Limited, supervised non-essential outdoor visits with physical distancing are permitted, visits must be scheduled.

While these changes may cause profound frustration, they are necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of the people we support, their families and our staff.

Thank you for being so patient and understanding as we try to navigate this difficult pandemic.

Respectfully,



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