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UPDATE

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

Let me take this opportunity to provide each of you with an update on several important issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is encouraging that the Province of Ontario is beginning to open up certain parts of the economy, along with indications that some health professionals may be returning to in-person service provisions. As of today, it is unclear exactly how and when these program changes will take place.

Ontario remains in an emergency state, and will be until at least June 2, 2020, as a result, Bethesda will continue with the present closures and program modifications until at least June 2, 2020, as we develop a **plan to reopen** that ensures the health and safety of the people we support, our amazing staff and Familyhome Providers, and is developed based on Provincial and Public Health direction.

Approximately two weeks ago, Apartment 1 and 2 on Fly Road, Vineland was declared by the Public Health Department as in an **'outbreak' status**. We are pleased that this has ended. One staff developed COVID-19 and has made a complete recovery! There were, and currently are, no other confirmed cases.

On a personal note, difficult times remind us of things that are important. I have been profoundly reminded of the amazing staff and Familyhome providers we have at Bethesda; it is our privilege to be a part of your lives and we thank you.

Respectfully,



Brian Davies
Chief Executive Officer
Bethesda