

December 11, 2020

Colleagues, stakeholder and interested parties,

The holiday is fast approaching and WSC is working hard to ensure the safety of everyone during this season. In the past week WSC had two staff test positive. All staff and residents in the homes effected were tested and the results are negative. The two staff that tested positive are doing well once has already retested negative and the other is asymptomatic.

While we are relieved to have been able to contain this outbreak, we are still feeling cautious. As state earlier this week we are going to put a hold on in person visitation for the next two weeks, from 12/8-12/22. We will revisit the issue on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and hope to be able to lift the restriction for the holidays.

<u>Testing</u>: Testing continues, and we are currently in a surveillance testing period 11/26-12/09/20. ALL STAFF MUST BE TESTED AT LEAST 1X MONTHLY. ANY ONE WITH THE LAST INITIAL A-K SHOULD HAVE TESTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER  $9^{TH}$ . L-Z WILL NEED TO TEST PRIOR TO 12/23. Testing will continue in this way for the foreseeable future. If the COVID rates continue to increase, we may be required to increase staff testing.

Employees can stop by the office during business hours of M- F 9a -4p for COVID testing. If multiple people show up for testing at the same time you may be asked to wait outside and/or to test in your vehicle. If you work at a site where there has been a possible exposure you will be asked not to enter the building.

Holiday Celebration: the holidays feel a bit depressing for all of us but we are happy to announce that we have found some ways to celebrate:

- Each Direct Support Professional will be getting a gift card to Market Basket for \$75.00. We hope this will help you and your family celebrate the season
- ➤ Week of December 21<sup>st</sup> WSC will be holding a Hero's Holiday raffle for all Direct Support Professionals. We will be raffling off:
  - o 2 50inch flat screen TVs,
  - BOSE headphone,
  - Hype X gaming headphones,
  - North face backpack
  - Set of luggage
  - \$300 dollars in Target gift cards.

2 winners will be drawn on the 21, 22 and 23. On December 24 one lucky DSP will be drawn and win \$300 dollars in Target gift cards.

PLEASE remember to be safe, use PPE the correct way, practice social distancing and wash your hand.

Thank you for your service!

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