To: DSI Consumers, Families, Guardians, and other partners  
From: Shane Burton, CEO  
Date: July 2, 2020

Dear DSI Friends:

As we continue with the COVID-19 pandemic reopening plan at DSI, we are constantly evaluating the safest path for reaching our goal of being completely open. This includes evaluating information from the CDC, the governor’s office, and the Indiana Board of Health to help provide guidance for our decisions.

Yesterday the governor announced that he was putting a pause on his current plan for reopening the State of Indiana completely. With Indiana continuing to increase and do more testing, there are obviously increases in the number of positive cases discovered. Unfortunately, the percentage of positive cases compared to tests given has also increased in some areas of our state over the past few days. This has created some new concern and forced us to re-evaluate our plans for completely opening this weekend.

At this time, I have decided to extend all the current guidelines we have in place at DSI for addressing this pandemic until July 17th. This includes screenings, masks, visitations, and community/travel guidelines that we currently have in place. This will allow us and the state to collect more data for making decisions on next steps of reopening. As we move forward in the future it will be our goal to look at the COVID-19 data as it relates to specific counties and catchment areas. With that said, we may be looking to reopen fully in specific counties while continuing restrictions in other areas.

All staff, consumers, and others interacting with our services must continue to not relax our focus on health and safety. The COVID-19 pandemic is going to continue to be a part of our world for at least the next several months, so therefore we have to be more responsible as individuals as we continue to live with this situation. We each must focus on doing our part to assure we do not take any steps backward. People here have truly been remarkable during this challenging time, but we must not relax at this time.

I will re-evaluate and send out new communication prior to the July 17th date. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we move forward with this unprecedented situation we are living with.

Sincerely,

Shane Burton  
CEO