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Dear staff, families, and friends:

My apologies for not getting this out yesterday, but I wanted to gather more data after hearing our governor's plan for the State of Indiana. While Indiana is not increasing at a rate similar to states in the south, there is still a lot of concern as numbers are slowly rising again. As of July 12th, Bartholomew, Decatur, Jennings, Jackson, and Daviess Counties are remaining stable. With that said, Jefferson, Henry, Vigo, Martin, Sullivan and Greene Counties are showing an increased number of positive cases related to COVID-19. COVID continues to remain our biggest concern related to our consumers, staff, and local communities.

Because of these concerns, I am continuing our current protocol in place for addressing COVID-19 throughout our programs. There is more and more evidence showing that the consistent and proper use of face masks has a significant impact on containing the virus. Corporate giants like Wal-Mart, Kroger, Target, Kohls, and CVS have now decided that the use of face masks will be required in their businesses throughout the nation. It is critical that we as a corporation do our part in assuring we are wearing masks in all common spaces throughout our facilities and whenever social distancing is not an option. This includes trips and activities that are taking place in our local communities with our consumers. It's not only about our safety, but about the safety of those we serve and others who are a part of our everyday lives. This extension means that the current protocol related to visitors, vacations, and community outings will also remain in effect. This extension will remain in effect until August 1st. Prior to August 1st I will review the most current data and information available in order to make the next decision. Individual counties that may experience significant spikes in the future will be reviewed and addressed prior to the August 1st date.

Please remain diligent in keeping yourselves, those we serve, and your loved ones safe. I remain very appreciative for all that everyone has done and will continue to do during this very challenging time.

Sincerely,


Shane Burton, CEO