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Hello-

If you watch the news, you are aware the positive cases of Coronavirus at the state and local levels is increasing at an alarmingly high rate (highest since the virus entered the state). As predicted, with the University of Iowa resuming in person classes, the percentage of positive cases within Johnson County (specifically Iowa City) is at an all time high. This is very concerning!

Due to the recent uptick, I would like to ask that we tighten up our safety measures and avoid participating in non-essential activities that occur indoors within the community. This includes, but is not limited to: grocery stores, retail stores, convenience stores, restaurants, indoor recreational venues, etc. I also ask that we avoid participating in any type of activities (indoor or outdoor) that are in the 'downtown' Iowa City area. Outdoor activities are still encouraged (outside of the downtown area), but if the location is crowded (difficult to consistently maintain 6' from others) I ask that you leave and find an alternative location. And, as always, everyone (including person served) MUST wear masks when out in the community, in vehicles, etc.

As an agency, we have been very fortunate and have not had any positive cases within the population of the people we serve and have had very limited positive cases amongst our employees. Other agencies have experienced significant outbreaks with staff, persons served, etc. and have lost people they serve to this virus. It is imperative we do not let our guard down and continue to protect the people we serve and each other.

I appreciate everyone's continued efforts!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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