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To: Person(s) Served, Parents/Guardians, and Providers
From: MYEP Senior Leadership
Re: MYEP Adult Day Program Closure- Extension and Preparation for Re-Opening

Dear Persons Served, Parents/Guardians and Providers:

As many of you are aware, the state enforced closure of all Adult Day Centers remains in place until May 27, 2020. As the state begins to re-open businesses, MYEP Sr. Leadership continues to closely monitor and assess the continued growth of cases within the state of Iowa. Based upon the continued numbers of growth of the Covid virus, as well as the vulnerabilities of the population that we serve, decisions may need to be made that are independent of the direction/guidance offered by the State of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Public Health. Based upon the timing of the announcements of re-openings, I am predicting the Governor will announce a decision on whether Adult Day Centers will be allowed to re-open later in the week.

MYEP feels very strongly in protecting the people we serve and ensuring everyone's safety. ***Due to this belief, MYEP Sr. Leadership has made the decision for our Adult Day Program to remain closed for the entire month of June.*** This closure will remain in place despite any decisions made by the State of Iowa that may contradict our decision to remain closed.

The impacts of our closure bears burden on all of us; primarily the people we serve. We have not lost sight of this but need to be prepared for the risks that present themselves when operating a large, congregate setting, service delivery model to such a vulnerable population. Moving forward, MYEP knows and understands that we need to look at an entirely different service provision model when planning for the re-opening of our Adult Day Program. We must move forward and plan and develop a 'new normal' in the operations of our Adult Day Program services. MYEP Sr. Leadership has already begun discussions on what this would look like and I will begin meeting with the Adult Day Program Management staff to begin to develop new provisions, processes, protocols, etc. to prepare for when the time comes to re-open our program- with the goal being to protect the people we serve. As we move forward and re-design our Adult Day Program service provision model, we will keep the people served, families and guardians and other providers updated with the information as decisions are made in order to assist everyone in preparing for any changes.

We truly cannot express the amount of appreciation and gratitude we have towards all of you with the patience, flexibility and support you have shown us during this trying time!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or any other member of Sr. Leadership and MYEP Management (i.e. Service Coordinators, etc.)

Please continue to stay healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

Megan Gerber
Chief Program Officer

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