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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Dear Clients and Families:

Based on guidance from the Department of Developmental Services, and out of concern for our clients, we have decided to temporarily close the training center to clients from Monday, March 16 through March 27. The closure will not affect those clients in Supported Employment for the time being. We will reassess the situation next week and update you regarding any changes or when the training centers will reopen.

The decision was made out of an abundance of caution for our clients, in doing all we can to help them avoid any type of exposure to COVID-19 and its risk. DDS has directed regional centers to ensure that certain individuals remain at home instead of attending day services outside their home. This directive applies to individuals who (1) are at higher risk for serious illness; OR (2) who reside at the following home types:

- Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs;
- Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled – Nursing; or
- Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled – Continuous Nursing.

The latest guidance from the California Department of Public Health also states that the following individuals are at a higher risk for serious illness:

- Older adults;
- Individuals with serious chronic medical conditions – such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease; or
- Individuals with compromised immune systems.

We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation and communicate any other updates as soon as they are made available. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during this critical time.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Besack
Executive Director
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