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Greetings from DSC! We hope this update finds you and your family healthy and safe. Much is happening in our State as various businesses, schools, and human service organizations do their best to plan for some form of reopening in this next phase of the pandemic. Lots to cover, so here we go...

On September 8th, we will open on a very small scale, initially with individuals who have been isolated on their own or at home with family. They have had very limited access to services during the shelter in place order dating back to March 17th. Those returning have been identified as being able to tolerate a mask and practice social distancing while at DSC. We are starting small based on the limits set by the state, but also to introduce the changes we've put in place and make any needed adjustments as we begin to add people to various locations.

CDS services and supports have been happening in the CILA program for residents in each home for the past several months. We are very happy that we are going to be able to continue to provide these services in the homes as we begin the soft opening for those mentioned above. Per the guidance from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), people who live together must continue to be served together as a group regardless of location. Additionally, we are incredibly fortunate that no DSC residents have contracted the virus to date, unlike many other provider agencies across the state. Maintaining CDS services in the home means we are able to continue to support them and limit risk of exposure.

We are cautiously optimistic that this small scale opening will lead to our ability to expand services to others in the near future. We also recognize that changes at the local and state level may dictate that we scale back or even close again if our community experiences an increase in COVID-19 cases. We will respond responsibly following guidance presented by our Governor, the IDHS, Illinois Public Health and Champaign Urbana Public Health District.

We appreciate your patience and continued understanding during these unprecedented times. Take care. Be safe. Be well.