



September 1, 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian / Advocate,

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer enjoying time with friends and family. While many of us took a sigh of relief from the ongoing stresses of the COVID-19 pandemic, Head Injury Association continued its ongoing efforts to maintain the health and safety of all individuals served.

To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we continue to follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), OPWDD, as well as our local health department.

We are staying in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps under the current circumstances, including:

- ✚ Enhanced infection control precautions, such as increasing the availability of hand sanitizer, and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.
- ✚ Screening residents and staff for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone else who must enter our homes and day programs.
- ✚ Providing and requiring facemasks for all staff to wear.
- ✚ Encouraging low risk activities and community outings that allow for social distancing.
- ✚ Utilizing telehealth when available and appropriate.
- ✚ Ongoing education regarding the most up to date COVID-19 information and infection control guidelines.

We will continue to provide you with regular updates about our response to the pandemic as information or guidance changes. We encourage you to contact us with questions or concerns.

I want take this opportunity to thank our amazing families for their support, kind letters and messages as we navigated the past year together. We can not express our thanks enough.

Sincerely,

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