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Date: June 12, 2020

To: MVLE Individuals, Families, Guardians and Group Homes

From: April Pinch-Keeler, President & CEO

We hope everyone is safe and healthy as we move into the summer months.

For the time being MVLE has decided to maintain our current operational status with programs closed through at least July 6, 2020.

For the past 3 months, MVLE had a staff work group that met regularly to develop a phased-in reopening strategy with a focus on how to keep everyone as safe and healthy per guidance from the CDC, VDH and local guidance, while we begin to provide services. We have developed a comprehensive plan and trainings for individuals, and staff that we will begin to share in upcoming weeks. We take this process very seriously and hope to share this information with you soon.

This time for planning has allowed us the opportunity to ensure we are acting on the latest and best information, have personal protection supplies in place, new workplace safety protocols in place, and the opportunity to meet with individuals and their teams to discuss these plans.

MVLE's path forward to reopening will be in phases. Not everyone will be able to return at once. We will coordinate with teams to discuss specific information about phased-in reopening.

We are excited that we have been able to offer remote classes and volunteer opportunities and will expand these opportunities during the different phases of reopening. If you have not received information about these opportunities, please let us know.

Please visit our website, www.mvle.org, for additional resources and information on COVID-19. We will be posting information on activities you can complete at home and ways to stay engaged.

Don't forget to wash your hands frequently, try not to touch your face, disinfect frequently touched surfaces, and if possible, wear a face mask or face covering when in the community or around others outside of your household. It is important for us all to take steps to feel comfortable wearing a face covering during specific circumstances.

Please know we are thinking of all of you and hope you are staying safe and healthy as best as we all can.

April Pinch-Keeler