



MEMO:

Date: August 8, 2020

To: MVLE Individuals, Families, Guardians and Group Homes

From: April Pinch-Keeler, President & CEO

We hope everyone is enjoying a safe and healthy summer.

In the interest of continued safety for our individuals and staff, MVLE has decided to maintain our current operational status with programs closed through **Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

MVLE's Path Forward:

Over the past five months, an MVLE staff work group has met regularly to develop our Path Forward- 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. We take this process very seriously and will begin sharing this information over the next several weeks.

This approach to 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.

Remote Learning Services:

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. You can view the full schedule of virtual volunteer programming online- <https://www.mvle.org/get-involved/events-list/>. If you have not received information about these opportunities, please let us know.

Over the next few weeks MVLE Managers will be contacting you to discuss the various types of remote services, and work with you to provide any assistance needed in order to participate in these services.

Please visit our website, www.mvle.org, for additional resources and information on COVID-19.

Safety Reminders:

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'April Pinch-Keeler'.

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