

Happy Monday everyone

Sheltering at home: Please do not go out to shop for groceries. We have managers (who are not in daily contact with supported people) prepared to do that for you. The only exceptions are for medical appointments that should not be postponed; those drive-through visits that some supported people really need... AND going outside for a walk. Air moves and disperses much more rapidly outside and fresh air is good for you. However, avoid people; cross to the other side of the street if necessary. Drives are also ok, if people enjoy them, but they're not as healthy!

We know it's not possible to practice social distancing when giving someone a bath, but to the extent possible, please try to practice social distancing in the home.

We have purchased non-touch thermometers, one per location, and expect them to arrive later this week. These will be distributed and will become a component of your screening protocol.

Grocery Shopping: One manager is about to go on-line and check all your PC Express accounts. We want to verify that every site has placed its first Click & Collect order. After you pick up your order, please send the receipt to Olga AND, if you experienced any shortfall, email Nadine a list of what you're missing.

Leeanna has placed a bulk meat order that will be delivered on Friday. Please clear some space in your freezer. She will be distributing it on Friday.

PPE: Help is on the way, government does know that we're here and that we are a priority, just like hospitals and LTC facilities. But, if we should have our first diagnosed case of the virus in a group home, before this help arrives, the supplies that are distributed throughout the agency will necessarily be made available to that home.

It makes sense that we centralize the supply now, rather than wait until the day of.

For that reason, managers are about to head out and take possession of most PPE. The central stockpile will be at Vanedward. Then, if and when its necessary, that entire stock will be put at the disposal of the group home that needs it.

Individualized Letters: Finally, we may be approaching the point where police start to make inquiries about why we're not at home. In the next day or so, letters signed by me will be emailed to your CLDN account. You can use your phone to show them, or you can print them at your site.

Thank you everyone for your important work, and it really is more important now than ever before!

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