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Dear families:

As we anticipate, many of you will be seeking a home visit with your loved one this Holiday Season. We wanted to provide a reminder to consider how your holiday plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to keep your friends, families, and communities healthy and safe. Note: **If your loved ones home is under quarantine during the holiday, visits will not be permissible.**

As much as we would like to see everyone together at the holidays, please do not take your loved one home if you or anyone in your house has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 10 days, if you or a member of the household are currently on a Department of Health mandated quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19, if any member of the house currently have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or if members of the house are waiting for COVID-19 test results. We would ask that you reschedule the visit.

For those who will be planning a home visit, The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler will ask that families sign off on a COVID-19 Safety Notice, which staff will review when you pick up your loved one. It will include acknowledgement of a few reminders:

- Limit the number of attendees as much as possible, with no more than 10 people.
- Your loved one will only be at one location for the duration of their home visit.
- Encourage frequent hand washing, social distancing, and mask wearing.
- If you are a family that will travel out of state, we ask that you follow the guidelines communicated by Governor Cuomo on 10/31/2020. Taken directly from this communication: "For any traveler to New York State from out of state, exempting the contiguous states, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine, it is the traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days. On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. The traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of a negative diagnostic test." The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler strongly recommends that your loved submit a COVID-19 test upon return from their home visit.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 epidemic is worsening, and small household gatherings are an important contributor to the rise in COVID-19 cases. We recognize the hardship placed on your family and truly appreciate your cooperation. Our intent is to keep your loved one safe, along with those who reside at their Arc of Chemung-Schuyler residence.

If you have additional questions about The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler's response to COVID-19, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sean Eagen'.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kim Kenefick, RN'.

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