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Good afternoon,

It looks like warm weather might be finally here to stay, which is great news for our clients who are ready to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. After a difficult year, PLUS Company residential clients are beginning to get out and about, accessing the community and spending some time visiting friends and family. The smiles on clients' faces as they spend time with those they have not been able to see in person over the past year is just so heartwarming. We are also encouraging small group activities which allow for social distancing. We know that the CDC has relaxed some of their recommendations around masks, but PLUS still requires masks for all staff and clients in PLUS locations, while being transported, and at all indoor community locations. Masks have proven to be one of the best ways we can keep client and staff safe, and we don't want to let up now when we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Clients are not required to wear masks within their own homes.

We continue to encourage all staff and clients to become vaccinated for COVID-19 to ensure that we are able to provide safe service delivery. In New Hampshire, many pharmacies and even some grocery stores are now offering walk-in vaccinations. Walk-in hours are also being offered at the state-run sites between the hours of 3 pm – 6pm for anyone ages 12+. For more information or to find a location in New Hampshire, please go to: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>. Massachusetts is also offering vaccines for those 12+, and you can find locations and set an appointment here: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>.

We know that many of you are anxious for PLUS to return to in-person services as swiftly as possible. While we are doing our very best to make this happen, due to the difficulties in finding and retaining staff, we are simply unable to provide full in-person programming at this time. We are working very hard to provide some in-person services for every client over the coming months, but will also continue virtual programming for the foreseeable future. If you know of anyone who would be a great Direct Support Professional and enjoy a rewarding job surrounded by great people, please send them our way. We have all shifts available. We are also looking for more employment opportunities for our clients. We still have many clients looking to return to work and are making strides to secure employment for everyone who has employment as one of their goals. If you know of a workplace that would be looking for help and might be a good fit for our clients, please feel free to reach out to us.

Get outside. and enjoy this weekend! The weather looks beautiful.

Thank you all for your support!



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