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Dear CAU Friends and Families,

As the coronavirus situation continues in our area, Community Access Unlimited (CAU) would like to share some updates with you regarding our agency's response.

CAU is following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and regularly communicates with experts and officials to follow best practices for the health and safety of our members and staff. All Staff complete a coronavirus screening questionnaire and temperature checks at the start of every shift, and we maintain communications with them about what to do if you are sick, where to get tested for the virus, and what habits to practice to help keep everyone safe.

We are making video calls and doing our best to help keep loved ones in touch with each other. Socially distanced visits outdoors are also allowed. Our members and staff have been getting the most out of the great outdoors as summer begins, whether they are barbequing, participating in a gardening challenge or just going for socially distanced walks in the neighborhood.

Each week, CAU provides materials and encourages programs to participate in a creative and enriching challenge at home. We have tried so many fun ideas thus far, including a Zoom scavenger hunt, homemade pizza, and making thank you cards for first responders. Our winners receive a gift card to order food from a local restaurant. Members are also busy with remote learning classes through our Academy of Continuing Education. Everyone in our residential programs is invited to brush up on their learning in math, reading, media, science, art, self help and history.

If necessary, staff will coordinate testing for coronavirus for members. Please [click here](#) if you would like to search for testing centers in your area.

Our staff are essential employees and we continue to encourage and recognize them for doing an excellent job of making the most out of this challenging time. Many of you said thank you to them in [this video](#) with personal tributes that truly mean so much to our staff.

We are working together every day to solve problems, offer remote services where possible, and help our members reach their goals during this time. Together we are navigating a difficult time and sharing strength, and we thank you for working with us to make it as positive as possible.

Thank you and stay safe,

Bernadette Griswold

Executive Director

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