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Dear McGuire Memorial Families, Guardians, and Caretakers:

Guidance & mandates surrounding COVID-19 are constantly changing every day, and while I believe we still are on a path to recovery we still face significant challenges and barriers ahead. Therefore, as we continue to make positive strides throughout the course of this pandemic, we are going to experience episodic disappointment & setbacks from time to time.

McGuire Memorial was on a course to implement our “Green Phase” reintegration plan in the ICF/ID as of July 13, 2020 for modified visitations of family & friends. Unfortunately, McGuire Memorial is now mandated by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health to first conduct baseline COVID-19 testing amongst all residents and staff working in the ICF/ID. Due to this new mandate McGuire will have to postpone and/or push back our “Green Phase” reintegration plan implementation until all testing is complete and we can verify that there is no COVID-19 within the facility.

The whole process of testing and vetting residents & staff is very comprehensive and it can be quite time consuming; especially, when in certain circumstances the test results can yield an inconclusive or false positive, which would then necessitate retesting. We may even learn that there are those who have COVID-19 but are completely asymptomatic, which means they are a carrier but not feeling sick but still capable of spreading it to others. This is why wearing masks, utilizing universal precautions and practicing good infection control on a daily basis goes without question.

I would like to apologize in advance for this temporary delay in our ability to move forward as planned. It is my hope that we will be able to conclude the necessary universal testing within the next several weeks and be back on track to implement our “Green Phase” reintegration plan for the ICF/ID. Barring any additional unforeseen circumstances or setbacks it is our intent to quickly and safely expedite this process in order to reunite all of you with your loved ones!

Again, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this unprecedented time. May God continue to bless you & your families – keeping each of you healthy and safe!

Sincerely,



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