



May 15, 2020

I'm excited to let you know that the time has come to welcome families back to many of our 24-hour care settings! You have been extremely patient and supportive during these past two months as we have worked hard to protect your loved ones. We are grateful for your trust and the many kind notes and affirmations that you have sent the last several weeks. They have really kept our team #DamarStrong! Now, as we look to reopen our doors, we do so happily, but also very carefully.

We currently still have not had one case of COVID-19 impact a client in any of our service areas and we continue to go to great lengths to keep it that way. Now, you will play a part in helping us keep COVID-19 at bay. The attached document highlights a very detailed visitor plan. With the exception of Adult Group Homes - that are still required to adhere to restrictions set forth by the State Department of Health for long-term care facilities - **we will begin opening to families and approved visitors on June 1, 2020.** However, **visits must be scheduled in advance and can only occur on a limited basis.** Please read all of the information and ask questions prior to your visit. We will not be able to deviate from the guidelines outlined.

While we plan to offer you a warm and hearty welcome back, we want you to know the Damar you are returning to is a little different than the one you last visited...our enhanced hygiene and sanitation protocols will require some extra time and attention. I want to thank our staff for their extra measures to keep our clients and families safe during the visits.

**Here are the updated and lifted restrictions, effective June 1, 2020 regardless of what the State of Indiana decides and what county services are provided in.**

- Client outings will continue to be restricted through June.
- ABA services will begin staggered reopening on May 26, 2020. A phased approach is in place and has been provided separately to those families receiving services.
- Families will be allowed to visit (see complete details attached) beginning June 1, 2020. The re-introduction of visitors to our 24-hour care settings will be staggered and paced – with safety precautions activated at all times.

An established team of experts and leaders at Damar continues to meet daily and will watch closely as the re-openings occur to see what impact they may have. Thank you for your continued trust in Damar and we look forward to our continued communication as we move past these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dalton", written in a cursive style.

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