



July 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer. I recently joined Bridgewell as its Vice President, Day Habilitation & Community Engagement and I am delighted to be here.

Now that Massachusetts has entered Phase 3 of its reopening plan, one Bridgewell day habilitation program and some aspects of its programming will begin on July 27. Based on federal and state mandates and guidelines for reopening, we will be taking a conservative, staggered approach. This is to ensure that we are in compliance with the state as well as for the sake of everyone's health and safety.

The MA Department of Developmental Services has stipulated that the first priority group for day programming participation is for people who are currently living with their families or independently and not in a congregate care setting. We have identified and invited 15-20 Rosewood II participants who meet the state's reopening guideline criteria to begin with us on Monday, July 27.

We will be evaluating and monitoring program operations closely and making adjustments and changes as needed. **Bridgewell has a plan for how we will move forward with opening the other day programs and will make announcements around those openings as we get closer to those dates. We will identify and invite participants from each of these programs in advance, and we will be in direct contact with parents and guardians with the details.**

Please know we are doing our utmost best to welcome back as many people as we can and as safely as possible. In addition, we are also actively developing new day programming initiatives and delivery methods to provide participants with more day programming options. We recognize that until there is a vaccine widely available, day programming will not be as it was prior to closing in March. I hope to have more information on new programming to share with you soon.

I ask for your collaboration and patience as we forge this new ground together. I know this is not an easy time for you, your family and your loved one and we want to support you as best as we can. If you have any questions, please contact your day program manager directly.

Sincerely,

Stacey

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