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Washington County Adult Foster Care Providers:

We hope you are all continuing to do well and stay safe during this time. As always, please contact your licensor if you are having any questions or concerns. We truly thank you for the extra effort you are putting in at this time caring for your residents and ensuring their health and safety.

Attached is a bulletin from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) with recommendations about caring for individuals in group homes (your home would be included in this). As always, we recommend you follow the direction of MDH during this outbreak.

- Please note the recommendation that residents should remain isolated in their rooms. *This does not mean you need to confine or force individuals to stay in their room; this is not allowed.* It is simply suggesting that social/physical distancing can occur in the home.
- The bulletin also mentions if there is an issue with staffing for the home to contact the local emergency preparedness coordinator to arrange replacement staff. We do not have specific information about this process and are waiting for more information. Please contact your licensor if staffing is an issue for you.

Thank you,

**Washington County Licensing**

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