

March 24, 2020

Re: Closing Vinfen's Massachusetts Developmental Day Services

To: All Members Served, Residential Providers, Guardians et al

Vinfen's Development Services Day Programs and Day Habilitation sites will be closing down as of Wednesday March 18th, 2020 until further notice due to the threat of COVID-19. We are doing this out of an abundance of caution to keep both members served and staff as safe as possible by reducing exposure to such large groups. We needed to give the residential providers and families time to get ready for this significant change which is how we developed the timing for this.

Where needed we have sent home our supply of medications and devices. Our day staff are being redeployed to work in Vinfen's residential homes, so that all day staff will be with us when we are ready to reopen again. Significant efforts have been made to contact each home individually by phone to let people know of our plans in advance of the closure.

We have notified the Transportation companies, Department of Developmental Services, MassHealth, Mass Rehabilitation Commission and Massachusetts Commission for the Blind of this temporary closure as well.

Vinfen has posted and will continue to post updated COVID-19 information on our website, <https://vinfen.org/services/covid-19-coronavirus-information-and-resources/>. You can also find information on the Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control websites.

We look forward to getting through this difficult time together and reopening the Developmental Day Services at Vinfen as soon as it is safe to do so. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please email Jess Almeida Senior Program Director for the Boston area at almeidaj@vinfen.org, Sharon Burke Prescott Senior Program Director for the South Shore area at burkeprescotts@vinfen.org or me at josephm@vinfen.org.

Sincerely,

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