

**To: ALL CLNB Members and Families**

**From: Sherry Carnevale**

**Subject: 2022 Restrictions Update #2**

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I am sending this memo to update our families about our current status. A week or two ago we were feeling optimistic that we would be looking at lifting our restrictions on or around February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately we are not in a position to be able to open our programs up to visitors yet. Over the weekend we had two more of our homes declared in outbreak. We have been very fortunate that most people are only experiencing mild symptoms but due to our congregate care regulations we are under a severe staffing challenge.

Once a staff has contact with a positive case in their own household they are automatically out of the group home for 10 days. If someone in the group home tests positive everyone must be tested continuously to ensure that they are able to continue working. As you can imagine the staff who do not test positive are working endlessly to ensure that we have adequate staffing at all times.

I understand how disappointing this news is for so many of you who have been waiting to see your family member. All of us feel your disappointment, your frustrations and in some cases your anger.

I urge you to reach out to the program manager to discuss ways to connect with your family member that will help you and them to get through this once again.

I hope we can all remember to be kind. We are all tired, stressed, frustrated, anxious and very, very impatient. We are navigating this battle with your family member's safety and good health foremost in every decision we make.

*Sherry*