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**RE: COVID-19**

Dear Families and Guardians,

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding COVID-19, as it relates to LARC, its clients and employees.

We are pleased to report that all our clients and staff are healthy and in good spirits. We appreciate you keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. We are working with our partners, the Arc of Illinois, the Arc of the United States, IDHS and the Department of Developmental Disabilities regarding contingency plans, in the event they are needed.

Since the closure of our Community Day Services, we have re-assigned our day program staff to the homes, and they are doing their best to keep our clients busy at home. While our Lansing workshop is vacant, we are taking this time to deep clean all program and common areas, and adding a fresh coat of paint.

As of this afternoon, Governor Pritzker announced a stay-at-home mandate throughout the state. In preparation for this, LARC has issued badges to all of its employees in the event they are required to identify themselves to law enforcement officials as essential direct service workers.

As a result, LARC's office will be closed, effective Monday, March 23, and until further notice. Staff not needed in our homes will be able to work remotely. Staff will be following up with their caseloads and will continue to communicate via telephone and email.

If you have any questions regarding nursing services, please contact Nicole at (708) 965-0057. If you have any questions regarding home-based services, contact Jennifer at (219) 730-1372. For any other questions or urgent matters, contact me at (219) 381-4219 or send me an email at [EGonzalez@larclansing.com](mailto:EGonzalez@larclansing.com).

Please stay safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Ernie Gonzalez  
Executive Director