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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

This letter is an update of our previous letters. The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) has extended the closure of Community Day Services through August 31, 2020. The Pioneer Center day programs will be closed until this date, and possibly further depending on direction IDHS. If the date is extended, please be assured that we will continue to update clients and families.

We continue to monitor the situation and communicate with families any information regarding the closure of the programs. Please make sure you are registered with our call Pioneer Alert system, so you receive these communications.

Many of the clients that attend our programs fall into the high-risk categories as defined by the CDC, so we need to take this step to help protect them from infection. We understand that this may cause inconvenience and stress on clients and families, but in order to help impede the spread of COVID-19, this is clearly the best course of action. As stated above, we will continue to monitor the situation and our intention is to re-open the programs as soon as it is prudent to do so.

This is a stressful and difficult situation for many of our clients and families. Thank you for your help and patience and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 815-759-7054 or my email address is [jlawler@pioneercenter.org](mailto:jlawler@pioneercenter.org).

Sincerely,

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