

TO: Families Impacted by COVID-19

FROM: Jon McLister, Vice President of Residential Services

RE: Adelphoi Village Residential Program Phase Open Plans

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As you are aware, we are now over ten weeks in our public health crisis caused by COVID-19. A communication was initially sent to all families impacted by this virus on March 16, 2020. That same communication was posted on our website, [www.adelphoi.org](http://www.adelphoi.org). At that time there were 63 confirmed cases of COVID-19 throughout fourteen counties. As of May 18, 2020 there are 60,622 total COVID-19 cases and 4,342 deaths. Every county in Pennsylvania has been impacted, and we know that every family has as well. We have made difficult decisions over the past couple months that we know have contributed to the frustration, anxiety, and concern that families are likely experiencing. These decisions were made with the primary focus on protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the youth that we serve.

Today, a similar communication is being delivered to County agencies. That message states that Adelphoi continues to follow all guidance provided by both the CDC as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Health. As we move into the next phase of the pandemic, we will continue to follow the guidance that the commonwealth has issued in regards to cautiously reopening different regions. Recognizing the importance of the work and activities that our programs provide, while ensuring safe operational practices, requires consistency and planning. Adelphoi is committed to remaining steadfast throughout the reopening process outlined by Governor Wolf. Several “standards” were announced by the governor’s office including prioritizing the attention given to vulnerable populations such as those in congregate care. Specifically, caution is being deliberately used in regards to loosening restrictions for these populations over the next several weeks and months. In preparation for the upcoming changes and directives, it has become evident that the process will be complicated. The outline below will provide some direction and guidance as to what the next several months will look like at Adelphoi and how you as a family member may be impacted.

**Level One-Upon turning Yellow at the Program & Family location**

- Day passes and home passes will continue to be temporarily suspended.

**Level Two-Yellow is sustained for a period of four weeks at the Program & Family location**

- Limited family visitation for immediate family may occur at designated locations.
- Youth within the Supervised Independent Living Programs will be permitted to apply and interview for potential and future work opportunities.

**Level Three-Upon turning Green at the Program & Family location**

- Adelphoi staff and youth will attend and participate in designated court proceedings in person.
- County visitors and attorneys of record will be able to visit youth face-to-face at designated locations.
- Approved family visits will resume face-to-face at designated locations.
- Youth within the Supervised Independent Living Programs will be permitted to work and attend post-secondary school or training.

**Level Four- Green is sustained for a period of two weeks at the Program & Family location**

- Youth will be permitted to participate in approved day passes and home passes including overnight stays.
- Routine dental exams, cleanings, and restorative work as well as initial and annual health examinations will resume.

All other safeguards and practices that were implemented over the past several months will remain in place and be evaluated on a regular basis.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the appropriate Unit Director or their immediate supervisor. Adelphoi will continue to work with county agencies and families to minimize the disruption and difficulty caused by COVID-19.