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Dear Chicago Commons Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19. As you know, Chicago Commons follows guidance from public health officials at the city and state levels to manage operations during the pandemic.

On Tuesday, November 17, Governor Pritzker issued new Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations to combat the rampant spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that our hospital systems do not become overrun. The new tier aims to limit gatherings and encourages people to stay home to the greatest extent possible, while allowing some industries to remain open with proper safety measures and significantly reduced capacities.

While this plan does allow for our early education centers to remain open provided that we follow the protocols set by the Illinois Department for Human Services, further guidance from the Illinois Department on Aging in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health has mandated a temporary suspension of all in-person adult day center services until further notice out of an abundance of caution for seniors, who remain at an acute level of risk in congregated spaces.

Given these circumstances, Chicago Commons will implement the following programmatic changes effective at the close of business Friday, November 20, 2020:

- **Temporarily suspend in-person operations of our Adult Day Service center in Bronzeville. Virtual Adult Day Services will be made available.**
- **Chicago Commons Adult Day Services Employees will work remotely and provide support to families via phone, e-Learning, and contactless support.**

At this time, our Early Education Centers and Home Care Program will continue in-person services to support the individuals, families, and communities we serve. We will continue to operate with health and safety protocols informed by guidance from public health officials, as well as provide our staff with personal protective equipment to increase safety during this time. Should circumstances or health and safety guidelines change, we will promptly notify you of any next steps.

As Thanksgiving approaches, please consider celebrating the upcoming holiday in a way that will not jeopardize the health and well being of your families and our communities. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted black and brown neighborhoods – especially the communities we serve. Please continue following COVID-19 safety guidelines: wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance whenever possible, and avoid gathering in person this holiday season with members outside of your immediate households.

Thank you again for your support and patience during these challenging times.

Take care and stay well,

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President & Chief Executive Officer