

Message From The Executive Director

3/16/20

From: David Smith, PhD, LICSW, Executive Director

To: Our employees, clients, families, referrals, and all of our community partners

Maple Lake Recovery Centers, as a community-based nonprofit healthcare organization providing residential behavioral healthcare services to adolescents, has been monitoring and responding to federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department(s) of Human Services and Department of Health communications regarding guidelines for prevention and mitigation Covid-19 transmission. This includes recommended preventive/protective measures to date. The most recent communication from the Minnesota governor ordered school closures on 3/18/20; in effect extending spring break to provide planning opportunities for families, businesses, schools. Our staff will continue to adjust and modify client daily activities in accordance with federal and state guidelines for prevention. This will require ongoing flexibility, creativity, and commitment from all of us moving forward. The staff will communicate programmatic changes directly to clients, families, and employees as they evolve.

We will continue to communicate any changes/modifications related to client care and staffing issues as necessary and as quickly and clearly as possible. There is a lot that is not known at this point; we will continue to respond and adjust as things become clearer. The staff has done well in anticipating our client and organizational needs so far and will continue to do so to reduce any impact on our quality of patient care. We are grateful for all of your patience and support so far as we move forward through this unprecedented event in our organizational/national history.

Respectfully,

David Smith, PhD., LICSW, Executive Director