Dear Advocates Community,

As COVID-19, more commonly known as Coronavirus, continues to be a concern across our country and the world, we are taking these concerns very seriously and working diligently to prevent the spread of the virus at Advocates.

We care deeply about the health of you and our community—whether you are a person served, family member, community member, or employee—and are taking significant steps to manage prevention across all our programs and services at Advocates.

We currently have no reports of Coronavirus infecting any member of the Advocates community. Our primary focus is prevention and our actions include:

- Frequently disinfecting all high touch areas in all our programs and offices (including doorknobs, counters, vehicles used for persons served transportation, etc.)
- Monitoring staff and people we support for any sign of illness or exposure.
- Monitoring staff travel.
- Educating staff and persons served on the importance of hand washing and other universal precautions.
- Asking any staff or visitors experiencing any flu-like symptoms to not enter any programs or offices.
- Canceling and limiting events and meetings that bring large groups together.
We're also staying up to date on the latest information on the Coronavirus and you can too by visiting:

- Mass.gov: Resources
- Mass.gov: FAQs
- Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or Coronavirus.gov

Most importantly, please know that we care about you and your loved ones and want everyone to be healthy in the Advocates community. We're encouraging you and our community to think ahead about how to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

We will continue to communicate any important information and actions taken at Advocates regarding the virus. Please feel free to follow Advocates on Facebook or visit www.Advocates.org for updates.

Sincerely,
Diane Gould
President & CEO