



May 25, 2021

Dear Families,

Over the past 15 months we've seen commitment, collaboration, and resilience from you and your loved ones and staff at Advocates. All our efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic have helped us stay safer and healthier together.

Last week, Governor Baker announced that Massachusetts is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and most COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective Saturday, May 29. Correspondingly infection rates are as low as they've been in a year. We are thrilled to report that COVID-19 cases have remained low at Advocates and we are hopeful that our continued caution will help keep everyone safe and healthy.

With this new state guidance effective on May 29, face coverings will continue to be required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals and staff at all times in congregate care settings, including residential group homes, clinics, and day programs at Advocates. Social distancing is also still recommended. Read the full updated mask requirements on [www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements).

We will continue to pay close attention to the guidance from the CDC and Department of Public Health and adjust our policies accordingly. We're going to keep doing everything we can to protect your loved ones and their staff from this virus and will remove any unnecessary restrictions as soon as it is safely possible.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Diane Gould  
President & CEO