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Dear Jubilee community,

With vaccinations in full swing here at Jubilee, we know our community eagerly awaits updates to our <u>COVID safety protocols</u>. We too are eager to move forward. Our guidelines are currently under review in light of vaccinations and decreasing local COVID cases. We have reached out directly to the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration to ensure that our intended updates are in line with their recommendations and look forward to their response.

This week, we mark an unwelcome milestone – exactly one year since our world was turned upside down by the pandemic. The virus is not yet beaten. The positive case count in Montgomery County has decreased since January but virus variants are on the rise. We must continue to be cautious.

But there is also cause for celebration. Science is making huge strides forward to control and end the pandemic. We know how to protect ourselves. We know outdoors is safer than indoors. And, most importantly, we know that vaccines are safe and effective. This coming Monday, March 15, Jubilee will hold its final vaccination clinic at the Kensington Town Hall. By the end of the day, 95 percent of the people we support will be fully vaccinated. That's something to celebrate.

I ask everyone to join me in practicing patience. I'll be in touch with you soon about updates to our protocols. Until then, enjoy the spring weather and please remain safe.

With gratitude,

Steve Keener

Executive Director