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To All Staff,

In an effort to ensure the safety of the BCArc community, we are setting more restrictive rules for visitors.

As of today, an employee at Employment Services tested positive for COVID-19. This employee was in two of BCArc's residential programs in Berkshire County. The Board of Health was contacted. The BOH directive was that, for anyone who had direct contact with this employee, they should self-quarantine at home. Each person who had contact has been notified by BCArc. The Board of Health is also contacting them directly.

Due to increased risk, we are moving to more restrictive measures of NO VISITORS in any BCArc programs, homes, or offices until further notice. This includes prohibiting families from visiting. The exception will be for essential medical services. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis approved by Ken Singer, Maryann Hyatt, or Jenn Rush.

Please understand that this restriction is intended for the safety of the individuals and all the staff.