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Dear Community Partner Organization,

At both the county and state level, we are seeing relatively good news on the COVID-19 front: fewer cases and fewer deaths this month than last. In St. Louis County, we've had five new cases in the last week. None are currently hospitalized.

But in case any of us need a reminder of how very real this pandemic still is, 22 states have reported an increase in cases in the last week, with three (Florida, Arizona and Texas) reporting spikes in new cases of (41-65% increases) this week compared to the previous week.

A few updates/resources you may find helpful this week:

- The Minnesota Department of Health has just put out <u>a great list of links new and updated</u> <u>guidance on many topics</u> including window visits and outdoor visitation at long term care facilities, providing food at outdoor and indoor gatherings, and staying safe while enjoying the outdoors this summer. It's quick to scroll through and chances are you'll find something helpful.
- Another good resource: The <u>Children and Family Resource Guide to Support Minnesotans in</u> <u>COVID-19 Response</u> includes helpful information on mental well-being, economic assistance, child-care and youth programing, housing, worker safety in addition to many others.
- If you're an employer or supervisor, here are some <u>good tips on how to support your staff</u> through the stress of these uncertain times.
- The Minnesota Department of Education is conducting an online survey, asking parents for feedback on the last couple months of the school year and distance learning. If you, any of your colleagues or people you serve are interested in responding, <u>here's the link</u>.

Thank you for your continued partnership! Please remember I am available by phone or email, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for any Covid-19 questions/concerns you may have.

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is here to work alongside you as you navigate response to COVID 19. Your organization is a key partner in protecting and promoting community health! As the COVID-19 situation rapidly evolves, find accurate, up to date information here: <u>Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)</u> <u>Centers for Disease Control (CDC)</u> <u>St. Louis County COVID-19 information</u>