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Dear Community Partner Organization,

Greetings! First of all, a quick note to let you know that with Monday being Memorial Day, I will be available next week Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for any questions or guidance you may need on COVID-19 matters.

A few updates and new resources to share this week:

- Governor Walz announced that beginning June 1, more businesses will be able re-open and youth sports can resume - under certain conditions. [Here is a chart you may find helpful](#) that describes what can open, when and at what capacity.
- With so many special events and parties being cancelled due to Covid-19, "vehicle parades" are becoming more and more popular. But these, too, have the risk of spreading the virus. Here's guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health on [how to ensure these parades are safe](#).
- This week St. Louis County and a number of area fire departments started an ongoing mask drive, seeking donations of cloth masks that we can distribute to congregate living facilities throughout the county. Anything you can do to help publicize this request for donations would be much appreciated. And of course, if you could use cloth masks at your location, please let me know. Here are [more details and a list of participating fire halls](#) where masks can be dropped off.
- Are you hearing discussion about antibody tests and wondering how reliable they are? This week, MDH [offered this guidance](#).

In the event you have a COVID-19 positive test confirmation you should notify, at a minimum, your licensor and public health liaison so we can begin offering support as soon as possible. The Minnesota Department of Health(MDH) will assign you a case manager when they are able, however until then your public health liaison will coordinate your support team. The St. Louis County support team will meet virtually, by phone or video, as often as you need to ensure you feel supported and equipped to handle the situation at hand. Some common concerns which arise include PPE usage and/or shortages, isolation and quarantine questions, staffing concerns, etc. Once MDH is able to take the lead, St. Louis County's team will continue to attend regular check-ins. We want to ensure you we'll be with you every step of the way at least until you are cleared of quarantine or for as long as you are in need of support.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing Memorial Day Weekend!

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St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services

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:

[Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\)](#)

[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[St. Louis County COVID-19 information](#)
