

## **To Our Cascade Academy Family and Friends,**

### **Cascade Academy's Mission:** To Embrace Life with Courage and Joy

With the fear and anxiety around the COVID-19 pandemic we are committed to keeping you informed with frequency and honesty. With that transparency in mind, we are very confident in our team's abilities and intentions to keep Cascade Academy a safe environment to begin and continue treatment. We are closely tracking the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health and licensing agencies for the latest developments and best practices related to COVID-19. We are also following the guidance of government and public health officials.

After consulting with health experts in our field, doctors, nurses and other programs, Cascade Academy implemented the following measures to provide the safest environment for your child:

- Students and staff participating in home visits, community outings social environments (such as restaurants, theaters and so forth), will practice responsible social distancing.
- Parent/family campus and off-campus visits will adhere to responsible social distancing policies in order to reduce the chances of spreading the virus in our communities.
- All staff arriving for their shift are assessed to be free of symptoms and have not traveled to restricted areas. If they have, they will be prevented from entering the program and working with our students and fellow employees.
- Any professionals, students and families newly enrolling must go through a thorough medical evaluation to screen for symptoms of the virus and provide a minimum 7-day tracking record of a-symptomatic conditions.
- Guests and visitors on campus will be asked to wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status. Employees interacting with these visitors within enclosed rooms will wear masks as well.

Working with students struggling with anxiety is particularly difficult during a pandemic. We must weigh the adverse effects of isolation and quarantine on their mental health, while taking the proper precautions for their physical health. We are confident in the precautionary measures we are taking. Should any student at Cascade Academy demonstrate symptoms of being ill, we have protocols to enact a supportive quarantine of that student. We know that practicing social distancing will help us decrease the likelihood of a quarantine.

Despite evidence showing COVID-19 is not particularly harmful to the population we serve, as a licensed facility, infection control is part of our everyday operations. We are taking this very seriously. We are monitoring the COVID-19 situation around the clock. We have precautions in place to ensure our employees, families and students are safe.

Thank you for trusting us with you daughter. We take this responsibility very seriously and look forward to creating a safe environment for growth to take place. We are doing all that we can at the moment to embrace this current situation with courage and joy. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and we will be happy to converse with you.