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Dear Members of the Elderhaus Community:

Good news! Elderhaus/Mindset is planning to open in a limited capacity beginning the week of October 12.

Following a favorable site visit and policy review by the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, the Elderhaus Board of Directors has agreed to proceed with offering services two days per week for participants. Key features of the limited reopening are:

- Individuals will join a permanent group (or pod) of up to eight participants, plus two staff members, per pod. Initially only one or two pods will be available, depending upon demand for services.
- Each pod will meet from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. twice weekly, likely Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, we will consider other weekdays based on pod member needs.

Please note that participants must meet certain conditions to attend Elderhaus day services in this limited capacity:

- Participants must be able and willing to wear face masks throughout the day, or have a written medical exemption.* Individuals with a written medical exemption must wear a face shield. Facial coverings will be removed for meals, medication management or similar personal needs.
- Participants must be able to maintain social distancing from other participants at all times.
- Participants must be free of Covid-19 infection and provide proof of test results. Covid tests must be taken within two weeks of entering Elderhaus facilities.**
- Participants must have a current flu shot and provide documentation before entering Elderhaus facilities.

Please complete the attached application and return it as soon as possible to apply for a place in a pod.

While we are pleased to move forward with this limited reopening, we still cannot predict when we are able to resume full services along the lines of what Elderhaus/Mindset historically has provided. Unfortunately, it is likely that we are months away from a complete reopening of our full program. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, thank you for your understanding, patience, and support as we move forward with this limited reopening. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Tim McLemore, Executive Director

*"The (State of Colorado) [Executive Order](https://colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-covid-19-response) does allow for exceptions to the mask order, therefore if a member is unable to wear a mask or face covering and wants to attend group or base site day program, they must have a note from a medical professional stating that the member is unable to wear a mask. If a member is unwilling to wear a mask or cloth face covering, but does not have a medical exemption, they pose a risk to other members and should not receive services that are provided in a small group or at the setting. Day Program providers are expected to enforce this requirement" (<https://colorado.gov/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-covid-19-response>).

**Information on COVID-19 testing is available at <https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing>. Or you may arrange with your private provider to secure an antibody test.