Date: June 26, 2020

To: All Staff
Subject: Discontinuing Cell Feeds for residents deemed "High Risk" for COVID-19
From: Commissioner Helen E. Hanks

The Department will be discontinuing providing cell feeds to residents **effective June 27th 2020** who have been identified by Medical & Forensic Services in our facilities as meeting CDC guidelines for high risk of adverse outcomes if they were to contract COVID-19 at this time.

As we require all staff and vendors to wear masks, we continue the COVID-19 screenings (Staff & Residents), quarantining practices of new arrivals, increased cleaning and disinfecting and other initiatives and the State of NH has a significant decline in the prevalence of COVID-19 in our State, residents eating in the dining hall spaces is a low risk situation at this time.

Those residents that are "high risk" will be permitted to perform their job in the kitchen as soon as the kitchen supervisors schedule their return.

This will be revisited at any time as we monitor the prevalence of COVID-19 in our State.

We continue to map out re-opening other areas of operation with appropriate modifications/protections associated with reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our facilities.


Respectfully,

Helen E. Hanks
Commissioner