



Earlier this year, given the unknowns surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, the Domus Pacis Board made the decision to pause the scheduling of family respite stays.

The purpose of this communication is to provide an **update** on that decision.

Our most recent discussions with Domus Pacis' medical Advisory Council, composed of representatives from each of our referral organizations, including oncology, radiology and public health physicians can be summarized as follows:

- Cancer is not one of the top five high risk factors for COVID-19
- Colorado ranks 50th (lowest) of state by state risk
- Families affected by cancer are already extremely cautious about community exposure
- Emotional/spiritual healing support needs have only increased for grieving families, survivors, caregivers, and essential workers

During the pause caused by this crippling pandemic, [Domus Pacis staff](#) analyzed what elements could be added to further address the safety and comfort of our nominated family members, volunteers, and Summit County community.

Therefore, considering the recommendation of the Advisory Council that the rewards of a respite outweigh the risk and weaved with the protective elements Domus Pacis and Summit County have implemented, the Board of Directors has approved the RESTART of the family respite program.

One final note of thanks ... The spontaneous outreach of many of our supporters and respite families to comfort us, knowing how hard these last couple of months were for the Founders and staff, will never be forgotten.

We wish you and your family health, safety and...

Peace

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