

**Communication from the Medical Director/CEO**  
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Dear members of the Austen Riggs Center Community:

I am pleased to announce that we are moving forward with plans to resume admissions in May. This will involve a period of quarantine and COVID-19 testing to manage the risk of introducing the virus into our community. This heightened level of precaution builds on the early steps we took to safeguard the Riggs community (including the suspension of admissions on March 16), and which have resulted in us sustaining no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our patients. Associate Medical Director/Director of Admissions Samar Habl, MD, chairs the committee that is designing the revised admission process.

We will be providing additional information about the resumption of admissions in the near future, but I wanted to share this information with you now. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Center via the instructions below.

As always, my thanks for your support and trust as we move forward in these challenging times.

Be well,

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Medical Director/CEO