### 5 C's of Leading During a Pandemic

# Give People **Clarity**



#### Do

Keep staff up to date with clear, accurate and essential information. Make quick decisions, but remember to invite communication re: impact. Make clear written talking points for supervisors to ensure consistency. Follow up hierarchical decisions with inclusive conversations re: impact.

#### Don't

Don't use too many words or assume people have same information.

### Build Team **Cohesion**



#### Do

Reinforce that everyone holds a piece of the puzzle. Reinforce that "all of us is better than one of us."

Trust and support others to speak vulnerably and freely.

#### Don't

Don't reinforce tendencies toward self-interest.

Don't say "I"more than "We."

### **Connect**With Your People



#### Do

Be human, present, & available. Connection is central to healing. Practice relational leadership. Listen carefully and address concerns. Show care and concern before challenging others to grow or stretch.

#### Don't

Don't move too fast into problem-solving before connecting.

### **Communicate**



#### Do

Communicate early and often. Use 3 R's: Review, Repeat, Reinforce Communication must clear, constant, consistent, multimodal. Give talking points to all levels of supervisors for consistent messaging.

Use predictable methods: e.g regular check-ins, huddles, or email blasts.

#### Don't

Don't assume people know or can provide same information to others.

# Have **Courage**



#### Do

Be positive, proactive, and honest.

Be definitive and take responsibility for your actions.

Prioritize progress over perfection.

#### Don't

Don't blame others for mis-steps.

Don't fall into analysis paralysis.



