



Dear Parents, Family Members and Care Providers:

I hope that you and your family members are well and staying safe. It has been over eight weeks now that we were directed to suspend services at our Day Habilitation Centers. As the Governor has set criteria for reopening of businesses, there has still been no word from OPWDD on plans to re-start Day Services.

As of today, May 18, 2020 services at our Day Habilitation sites remain suspended. Our Day Habilitation staff have been redeployed to the IRAs to assist the house staff. The additional staff have been able to offer meaningful activities to the individuals during their extended time at home. At the same time, the extra hands are welcome support as medical or health situations arise.

We are maintaining strict measures to ensure the protection and safety of our individuals and staff. All directives from OPWDD, County and State Health Departments as well as the Governor's Executive Orders are being adhered to.

Understanding that the greatest risk is that the virus will be introduced into the home either by staff or visitors, we have put into place a no visitor's policy at all of our homes and buildings. Entry is restricted to essential personnel and only after a thorough screening at the door. The screening consists of temperature checks, assessment of any signs of illness, and questions regarding contact with anyone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19.

We have a large supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and provide regular training on PPE usage. Each location has been supplied with proper cleaning and disinfecting products as well as training on proper use. Bulk food and supply purchases are being delivered to each house to minimize the need for house staff to go out and shop.

I realize the frustration and anxiety that we are all experiencing during this devastating pandemic. Especially when we are not able to visit with our loved ones due to quarantine and social distancing.

For everyone's safety, our dedicated and talented staff are engaging individuals in activities and creative ways to keep in contact with family and friends. All of our locations have access to devices such as IPads that allow for virtual visits. Please contact the manager if you are interested in setting something up with your loved one. As it has been from the beginning of the pandemic, sasi's priority is the health of our individuals and staff.

Please stay safe and healthy. Let's hope that our actions and patience help to end this unfortunate pandemic as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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