**Memo**

To: Individuals Served, Family Members

From: Nicholas Kaitanowski, VP Residential Services

Re: COVID-Orange Zones

Date: 11/19/2020

 Recently, we sent notification on New York implementing a system throughout the state that provides a color-coded designation to geographic areas based on their COVID infection rates. The codes range from yellow, orange and red (highest risk). At this time, you are receiving this correspondence because your loved one is currently residing in a house that is located in an orange micro-cluster.

Due to the increased risk of transmission in these areas, we are implementing a number of proactive measures as maintaining the health and wellbeing of all residents continues to be our primary goal.

Beginning immediately, we will be suspending visitation both in and out of the residence. All community outings will be suspended unless deemed medically necessary.

 We ask for your understanding in helping us to keep your loved one and family members safe; as well as all residents and staff at sasi. These precautions will remain in place until such a time that the zone is modified to yellow, or completely removed from the cluster designation.

 Should a resident leave for a visit outside of the IRA, the family should be prepared to keep their loved one at home indefinitely. Returning to the IRA will be contingent upon zone designations for both the IRA and location(s) of the visit; passing a health screening and fulfilling any recommended quarantine or testing. As mentioned, we are unable to give any time frame associated with when a resident would be able to return to the IRA.

Additional information on maps, zones and risk can be obtained at: <https://forward.ny.gov/> . COVID has presented many challenges and the situation will continue to evolve. We at sasi are committed to ensuring that we communicate updates to families and care providers in a timely fashion. Thank you.