



People We Support, Families, Staff, and Arc Community Members,

As the spike in Coronavirus cases continues to grow across the country, New York State, and in our region, we are planning for all possibilities of illness due to the Coronavirus in our facilities and homes.

Currently (11/13/2020), we are NOT in an area of classification by New York State (Red, Orange, or Yellow). We are monitoring our county borders which connect to both Erie and Monroe counties. (Both have yellow zones.) A small strip of towns and villages are both to our East and West that are NOT in yellow zones.

Again, in an abundance of caution, we are planning what procedures or actions the Arc would take if our county(ies) were to be designated a YELLOW zone.

Our greatest concern is about the health of the people we support and our staff.

If our area(s) were to be designated a yellow zone, we would follow the guidance provided by OPWDD and NYSDOH:

- The yellow zone indicates a heightened awareness of all precautions and conditions in our surrounding community.
- Our programs would continue as they currently are with a focus on screening, sanitizing, and limiting outside visitors to our facilities.
- Following NYSDOH guidelines.

**IF** we were to move into an orange or red zone, changes would occur as needed including the closure of day services, limiting or eliminating visitation to our Residential sites, and encouraging increased testing of staff and individuals.

Again, our #1 goal is the health and safety of the people we serve and our staff. Our management team reviews reports and guidance frequently to ensure compliance and safety.

Thank you.

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