

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Good afternoon,

Our efforts to limit exposure to the Coronavirus continue, as day programs remain closed and people are being asked to stay at home, close to home and away from crowds of people – both large and small. In recent developments, I would like to report to you the following:

1. To-date, no client or staff person has tested positively for the Coronavirus.
2. An inventory of supplies... water, masks, gowns, hand sanitizer, paper towels, toilet tissue, gloves, med cups, etc. are being staged at the Beaver Brook Community Room for distribution as necessary. Please refer your needs to Lori Osmun at ArcWorks, Linda DiAlfonso, your APD or Program Director.
3. While most, if not all, of our focus has been placed on clients, staff and our Arc family, we don't want to ignore you and your families at home. In the event you and your family are experiencing a crisis, and you believe there may be some way that perhaps The Arc of Hunterdon County can help, please bring these issues to my personal attention.
4. We are in the process of replacing lost ID badges. If you are in need of a replacement, please email Peg Forte or Linda DiAlfonso. Keep a copy of the employment verification letter that was distributed via Therap with you in the event you are questioned during advisory curfew hours imposed by the State of NJ.
5. **IMPORTANT NEW PROCEDURE:** We are asking as many staff as possible to please check your temperature **BEFORE** reporting to work. Do not come to work if you have a fever and/or exhibit any of the known symptoms of the virus.
6. Eighteen (18) Arc staff have so far expressed a willingness to support people over the term of a 14-day quarantine period in the event an individual we support contracts the Coronavirus. We cannot thank everyone enough for their overwhelming commitment to the people we serve! We sincerely hope that the day never arrives where a quarantine scenario needs to be played out. In the event that it does, however, we have equipped Point Breeze with hospital bed, regular beds and supplies to accommodate a quarantine situation.

7. Your Coronavirus Task Force continues to meet on a daily basis to review the latest available information and provide you with constant communication regarding the same.

Stay safe, stay healthy and please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for everything that you're doing in support of the individuals we serve!!

Warm regards,

Jeff

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