

Friday, March 20, 2020

Good afternoon everyone,

As we approach the weekend I just wanted to provide you with a very brief update. Your task force met via conference call this afternoon and we are pleased to report that again today we have no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus among clients and staff. Additionally, there are no outstanding tests awaiting results among clients and staff. The task force will be meeting over the weekend to assess the latest developments.

A growing number of states have issued "Shelter in Place" orders. It is reported that Pennsylvania and Illinois are about to join California with this measure. With the 8pm curfew advisory, you are again urged to print a copy of the employment verification letter and keep it in your possession. Ahead of any Shelter in Place order coming from NJ, we continue to strongly discourage activities outside of our homes. We are thankful for the efforts of those in Family Support who have helped provided ideas for in-home activities.

We are very encouraged by the number of individuals that have committed to working in a quarantine situation in the event any of our individuals/programs reach that point. As of this writing, 23 Arc of Hunterdon employees have agreed to serve in this capacity. We are deeply grateful for your generous support and ongoing commitment to our people!

Household supplies and personal protective equipment are being warehoused for distribution out of the Community Room at Beaver Brook. Please inform your APD, Lori Osmun or me if you are in need of items, together with requests for food deliveries. A number of day program staff continue to support our residential program and some are volunteering to make deliveries to homes as well. We are all appreciative of the fact that each of our residential settings is fully staffed and I want to thank everyone that has contributed toward making that a reality.

Once again (and you all know this too well by now), please take every precaution in order to protect yourselves, your families and all of the individuals you support. Don't come to work if you are sick; when possible, check your temperature before arriving at work; wash your hands frequently; stay away from contact with groups of people; report possible exposure to anyone that may have the virus or is presumed to have it. Above all, stay healthy!

Thank you for all that you're doing... it means the world to the individuals you are supporting!

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