November 6, 2020

Attn: Trinity Employees

Subject: COVID-19 Designated Cluster Mitigation and Oversight

On October 23, 2020, Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), issued guidance, based upon Governor Cuomo’s initiative, to alert service providers, of areas, also known as “clusters” that have been designated as increased COVID-19 positive cases.

This guidance provides a chart, color-coded based upon the status of the alert. If the outlined services are indicated within a Red or Orange zone, those serves are temporarily suspended. Those services within a yellow zone, are able to continue services. The chart is as follows:

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| **Type of Activity** | **RED** | **ORANGE** | **YELLOW** |
| **Certified Site-Based Day Services**  Day Hab, site-based pre-voc, site-based respite, pathway to employment | **SUSPENDED** | **SUSPENDED** | **OPEN**  -In compliance with OPWDD’s Interim Guidance for Day Services Reopening and the Day Program Reopening Safety Plans  -Weekly Testing Recommended |
| **Group Non-Site-Based Services**  Day Hab without walls, community based prevoc services, non-site-based respite, community hab-group, SEMP- group | **SUSPENDED** | **OPEN**  -10 Person capacity (inclusive of individuals and staff)  -Weekly Testing Recommended | **OPEN**  -In compliance with OPWDD’s Interim Guidance for Day Services Reopening and the Day Program Reopening Safety Plans  -Weekly Testing Recommended |
| **Non-Group Non-Site-Based Services**  Services provided to 1-3 individuals: community hab, respite, employment training, SEMP, community based prevoc services | **OPEN**  -2 Person capacity (inclusive of individuals and staff)  -Weekly Testing Recommended | **OPEN**  -4 Person capacity (inclusive of individuals and staff)  -Weekly Testing Recommended | **OPEN**  Weekly Testing Recommended |

If you would like to check to see if your location is in a hot spot zone, please go to <https://forward.ny.gov/> and you can plug in your address.

Trinity is committed to ensuring for the health and safety for all of our employees, people supported and families. We will continue to monitor the status of the area’s in which we provide services and alert any of those that may be affected.

As always, we want to thank all of our employees for continued dedication in providing *quality* services to the people we support. We hope for continued good health for all our employees, people supported and their families.

Thank you,

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