



July 2, 2020

Dear Price Center Residential Community:

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has again revised their visitation guidelines for individuals residing in community residences. Our primary concern continues to be for the welfare of the individuals we serve and our employees.

Starting July 3rd, 2020, individuals may go with family or loved ones for an off-site visit, including an overnight visit subject to the following:

- The resident is not currently under isolation because they are presumed or confirmed COVID-19 positive or quarantined because of close or household contact.
- The resident and visitor(s) must not have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and must not have a temperature of >100.0 deg F.
- The family member or loved one must sign an attestation form, confirming that those they plan on visiting are free from any symptoms of COVID-19, face masks will be worn by all visitors and the resident, if possible, and that infection control protocols will be followed during the entirety of the visit. <See attached attestation for your review.>
- For home visits, families/guardians will be asked to:
 - Provide the names and contact information for any person the resident is anticipated to come into contact with on the visit in case contact tracing becomes necessary
 - Inform staff if the individual traveled out of state during the visit
 - Monitor themselves and the individual for COVID-19 symptoms during the visit. Program staff will screen the individual for COVID-19 symptoms and fever before they return to the residential program
 - Immediately inform the program if someone the individual came into contact with at the visits develops signs and symptoms of COVID-19

Furthermore, if the resident shows symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle pain, chills, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell, the family must seek medical attention and contact the residential program to discuss where the individual may be safely isolated. The individual may not be able to return to the residence until they are free of symptoms.

All visits that occur at the program site will continue to follow the protocols laid out in my last correspondence on 6/5/20 (i.e. prescheduled, outdoor visits, prescreening of visitors, face mask wear, maintaining social distancing, etc.). DDS did loosen restrictions so visits can be extended, food can be eaten during the visit and that brief physical contact is permissible. <Please see correspondence from the DDS Commissioner 07/01/20.>

If you are not feeling well or have any symptoms related to COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you stay home and refrain from visiting with your loved one until you are symptom free and not contagious. Thank you for your partnership in keeping everyone healthy!



Please visit our website for updates and feel free to contact me with program related inquiries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Teles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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