

June 19, 2020

To our Douglass Adult Program Parents,

We hope this e-mail finds you and your family well during this challenging time. We keep any of you impacted directly by the challenges we are facing as a nation in our thoughts.

Today marks the 59th day of remote support from the DAP team. We acknowledge the challenges that this extended period at home has created for you and your adult children. We have not been provided with any information from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) about when day programs will be permitted to open. However, DDD has convened a Re-opening Workgroup tasked with providing guidance through the stages we expect to move through as we get closer to re-opening. That guidance will include:

- How to provide meaningful engagement while home and operations in day programs are remote
- Pre-opening guidance (how agencies can plan for re-opening and put into place practices that will be needed once we re-open).
- Stages for opening systematically and moving towards full capacity in our day programs
- How to be responsive to changing information or outbreaks once we are open

While the lack of specific information is likely frustrating for many of you, we are assured that DDD will help provide guidance on how we can open safely. In addition, we will follow guidance from the Department of Health, Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety, and Rutgers Occupational Health as we prioritize the health of both your adult children and the staff in our program.

We will keep you updated as we receive more information.

Be well,

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