

Coarc's ongoing response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Update: Designated Cluster Mitigation

The Governor and the NYS Department of Health (DOH) have begun to identify geographic areas with higher than average rates of COVID-19 transmission, referred to as "hot spots," "clusters," and "micro clusters." The risk of transmission is characterized by three colors (red, orange and yellow) and the level of mitigation management is increased as geographic areas demonstrate higher rates of infection and move along the continuum from yellow to orange to red.

Coarc operates programs and facilities certified by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). Upon notification that one of the programs operated are located within such designated geographic areas, the impacted programs will immediately be subject to additional mitigation and oversight measures. These restrictions are required in addition to all other applicable OPWDD COVID-19 guidance.

These new protocols will affect visitation to residences should the residence be identified in a particular cluster. When a residence is designated as "red zone" or "orange zone" we will provide information to the people in the home and to their families regarding necessary changes to visitation.

The Chart below provides a global view of the requirements established by OPWDD in response to the Governor's Cluster Initiative. Each program has a specific Communication Plan which will be implemented in the event the program is impacted by one of the Cluster areas.

Type of Activity	RED	ORANGE	YELLOW
Certified Site -Based Day Day Habilitation, Site-Based Prevocational Services, Site Based Respite Services, Pathway to Employment.	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	OPEN -In compliance with the site's Day Program Reopening Safety Plan. Weekly testing is recommended.
Group Non-Site-Based (Day Habilitation Without Walls, Community Based Prevocational Services, Non-site-based Respite, Community Habilitation-Group, Supported Employment-group)	SUSPENDED	OPEN 10 Person capacity (inclusive of people who receive services and employees) Weekly testing is recommended.	OPEN In compliance with the Program Reopening Safety Plan. Weekly testing is recommended.
Non-Group Non-Site-Based Services (Services provided to 1-3 people: Community Habilitation, Respite, Employment Training, SEMP, Community Based Prevocational Services.)	OPEN 2-person capacity (inclusive of people who receive services and employees) Weekly testing is recommended.	OPEN 4-person capacity (inclusive of people who receive services and employees) Weekly testing is recommended.	OPEN Weekly testing is recommended.
Residential (Certified residences, Free standing Respite, Day Services and Community Habilitation being temporarily delivered in a certified residence)	OPEN Visitation suspended Weekly testing is recommended.	OPEN Visitation based on COVID stats of the home. Weekly testing is recommended.	OPEN Weekly testing is recommended.