

## Attestation of Certified Day Program Operations in Accordance with OPWDD Interim Reopening of Day Services Guidance

<b>Agency Legal Name</b>	The Community Place of Greater Rochester		
<b>Agency Address</b>	57 Central Park, Rochester, NY 14605		
<b>Day Program Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Site  <input type="checkbox"/> Community, without Walls	<input type="checkbox"/> Day Habilitation  <input type="checkbox"/> Day Treatment  <input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevocational  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respite
<b>Operating Certificate Number</b>	42880		FSS Programs
<b>Site Address</b> (certified sites only)			
<b>Certified Capacity</b> (certified sites only)			
<b>Primary Contact Name</b>	Nicole Seaman		
<b>Primary Contact Email and phone</b>			

The submission of this signed attestation and safety plan for the above program to [quality@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:quality@opwdd.ny.gov) advises OPWDD of the agency's plan to resume operations at the day program in accordance with requirements as outlined in the guidance document *Interim Guidance Regarding the Reopening of Day Services Certified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities*.


The agency must attest to its ability to adhere to all requirements in the guidance as appropriate to the program, and to ensure ongoing compliance with the requirements upon opening.

**Any attestation is a filing of a written document with a government agency and is enforceable against the signatory.**

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Signature of Agency CEO

Date


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Printed Name of Agency CEO

## COVID-19 Safety Plan for Certified Day Program Reopening

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The program's Safety Plan must describe procedures to operate the certified day program site or deliver day program service in accordance with the guidance document, **Interim Guidance Regarding the Reopening of Day Services Certified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities**. This document provides the outline to utilize for development of the Safety Plan (or future revision).

Some requirements may not be applicable to community-based services.

Please submit the written safety plan for each program to OPWDD prior to the reopening at [quality@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:quality@opwdd.ny.gov). In addition, for each safety plan, a completed Day Program Site Attestation must also be submitted. OPWDD will maintain copies of the plans for our records. OPWDD will not be providing approvals of agency plans.

Certified Sites must also maintain a copy of the program's Safety Plan on premises available to facility staff, OPWDD and local health authorities upon request. Community day program services (non-site based, without walls) must also make a copy of the Safety Plan available upon request.

## **SAFETY PLAN COMPONENTS**

**NOTE:** Guidance bullets below are not a substitute for provider review and adherence to content of *Interim Guidance Regarding the Reopening of Day Services Certified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities*

**Signage** – applies to certified sites and other locations controlled by the provider

- Ensure program building entrances have signs that alert that non-essential visitors are not allowed.
- Ensure signs are posted throughout the program building to provide instruction on the critical COVID-19 transmission prevention and containment activities identified in the companion document *Interim Guidance Regarding the Reopening of Day Services Certified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities*.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Signage has been posted at designed spots. Effective 7/15/2020  
Signs also indicate non-essential visitors are not allowed on the premises.

### **A. Entrance to Site Based Programs**

#### **Pre-Entry/Pre-Participation Screening:**

- Screen all individuals, staff, and essential visitors prior to entry into the day program site and/or participation in services/service delivery:
  - per infection control standards for protection of screener and screened person,
  - to include temperature check and required questions on exposure and COVID-19 Symptoms, per NYS DOH and OPWDD guidance documents.
- Maintain daily documentation of all screening of individuals, staff and visitors in compliance with OPWDD and NYS guidance and policy.

#### **Response to Signs and Symptoms and Departure:**

- Safe management of any individual, staff or visitor who falls initial/pre-program screening or is exhibiting signs or symptoms during service delivery, to include:
  - Facilitating departure as soon as possible, and
  - Safely manage separation from people not exhibiting symptoms, until they depart.
- Ensure instruction is provided to any individual or staff sent home due to symptoms to contact their health care provider and written information on healthcare and testing resources.
- Ensure the day program immediately notifies the local health department and OPWDD about the suspected case.

#### **Participation and Return to Program/Service:**

- Ensure staff members know to report and how to report positive COVID-19 test results, exposure/possible exposure, and signs and symptoms to their supervisor.
- Ensure individuals do not participate in day services while they or a member of their household or certified residence is being quarantined or isolated.
- Maintain medical documentation allowing an individual or staff member who was COVID-19 positive to return to program site/services.
- Ensure any return of an individual or staff to programs/services occurs only in adherence to OPWDD and NYS DOH guidance regarding quarantine periods and fever free durations.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Staff at The Community Place of Greater Rochester must complete a health screening. This is a self-report questionnaire completed before arriving for work and includes questions about symptoms (including fever) and exposure. The form is submitted to HR on a daily basis.

Program participants are screened before arriving to the site. Staff responsible for conducting the screening have been identified, trained, and provided the necessary PPE. Attendance and documentation of screenings is maintained in compliance with OPWDD and NYS guidelines.

#### **B. Social Distancing Requirements:**

**Ensure effective practices to facilitate social distancing when distancing is not possible, including the following:**

- Reduction of total number of individuals served at one time, in order to reduce congestion and facilitate easier social distancing;
- Plans to maintain no more than 50% occupancy in small/confined spaces within a program, such as a staff break room;
- Potential use of physical barriers within site-based spaces;
- Planned use, capacity and arrangement of furniture and/or work equipment in program rooms, workspaces and meal and seating areas to allow for social distancing of at least six feet apart in all directions (i.e. 36 square feet) and limit density. (Note an individual's needs may require individual to staff distance to be less than six feet);
- Use of signage and floor markers/distance markers denoting spaces of six feet throughout program area spaces, common spaces, waiting areas, entry, exits and other areas of travel;
- Facilitate one directional foot traffic where necessary in narrow spaces, using tape or signs with arrows;
- Install physical barriers, as appropriate, especially when physical distancing is not feasible between program/workspaces;
- Support and education of individuals to learn physical distancing/use of markers, patterns of movement, and other program strategies;
- Maintain a staffing plan to prevent employees who should need to "float" between different rooms or different groups of individuals, unless such rotation is necessary to safely support individuals due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. staff absence).

- Provide adequate space and operational practices (e.g. staggered break times) for staff to adhere to social distancing while completing independent tasks (i.e. paperwork) and when taking breaks (i.e. eating or smoking).

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Our agency has identified groups for the respite program and FSS programs. Staff have been assigned to specific groups and rooms and will be limited to these only. No more than 5 individuals per room.

Smaller confined rooms such as break rooms and or computer rooms have been reduced to no more than 50% capacity. Floor markers are used to indicate social distancing requirements and traffic flow.

### C. Gatherings in Enclosed Spaces

- Modifications to day program/service hours as needed, to allow blocks of service provision while maintaining reduced capacity and group size.
- Planned group size, which will be limited to no more than fifteen (15) individuals who receive services. The restriction on group size does not include employees/staff.
- Ensure the group ( $\leq 15$ ) of individuals receiving services and staff working with them are as static as possible.
- Ensure that different stable groups individuals and staff, have no or minimal contact with one another and do not utilize common spaces at the same time, to the greatest extent possible.
- Stagger staff and/or individual meal and break times to maintain social distancing.
- Adhere to social/physical distancing practices identified in the safety plan.
- Prohibit shared food and beverages and buffet style dining.
- Require that food brought from home must require limited preparation (i.e. heating in microwave) during day services and be packed appropriately.
- Ensure reusable food utensils and storage containers are washed in the dishwasher on the hottest wash and dry setting.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Staffing within programs is staggered and kept to a minimum. Modifications to programming on site have been made to accommodate capacity. For example, all program managers have assigned programming areas and will not be in the same space at the same time.

Food for the respite program is pre-packaged in individual servings.

### D. Day Program Schedules and Activities

- Modifications to day program/service hours as needed, to allow blocks of service provision while maintaining reduced capacity and group size.

- Focus on activities with little or no physical contact and which do not rely on shared equipment, to the extent possible.
- Schedule individual's activities to reduce density and allow for social distancing.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

All programming on site at The Community Place of Greater Rochester have been adjusted to accommodate the above recommendations. For example, the Respite Program will remain upstairs in the programming areas. If an FSS program overlaps scheduling they will remain downstairs or outside. In addition, remote services, where possible, are being provided as well.

#### **E. Personal Protective Equipment:**

- Ensure all staff wear an appropriate cloth or disposable face mask/covering that covers both the mouth and nose, at all times while providing services, consistent with all current Executive Orders and OPWDD guidelines (unless medically contraindicated / not tolerated).
- Ensure all essential visitors wear a face mask or covering, providing a facemask onsite at no cost, if visitors do not have their own which meets requirements.
- Support individuals receiving services to wear face coverings, as tolerated, whenever social distancing cannot be achieved.
- Maintain an adequate supply of required PPE on site (and available to staff for when needed for community-based services) to minimally include masks and gloves, and with gowns and face shields as needed.
- Train all staff on proper use of PPE including when necessary to use, donning, doffing, disposing and/or reusing and sanitizing when appropriate.
- Retain documentation of trainings in the employees' personnel files and per agency procedures.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Staff have been provided appropriate face masks/coverings. Staff have been provided with information and training about proper PPE usage (the supervisor will retain documentation attesting to this ). In addition, staff are reminded on a regular basis about the proper use of PPE by human resources.

All individuals attending program have been provided face mask/covering. They have also received training on proper use of masks/face coverings. Disposable face coverings are maintained by the program to be utilized for any individual (staff, participant, visitor) who forgets, or doesn't have, a mask/face covering.

#### **F. Hygiene and Cleaning**

##### **Personal Hygiene to Reduce Transmission:**

- Ensure strict adherence to hygiene requirements to reduce transmission as advised by NYS DOH and the CDC.
- Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations at each location to include:
  - Handwashing: soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels.
  - Hand sanitizing: alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical, and where the need for frequent hand sanitizing is expected;
- Train staff to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds using techniques per NYS DOH and CDC guidance, including the conditions that require handwashing.
- Support individuals to wash their hands frequently/when needed, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds using appropriate techniques as tolerated.
- Encourage and facilitate use of hand sanitizers by staff and individuals upon arrival to and departure from program and through the day, providing supervision/support of use by individuals as needed.
- Address any individualized needs affecting the unsupervised availability of hand sanitizer.

**Cleaning and Disinfection of Environment, Equipment and Supplies:**

- Strictly adhere to sanitation requirements as advised by NYS DOH guidance documents.
- Implement the following minimum standards regarding cleaning and sanitizing:
  - Frequent cleaning and rigorous disinfection of high-risk areas/high touch surfaces;
  - Use of only EPA registered products for disinfecting non-porous surfaces;
  - Adhere to proper dwell times for all cleaners, sanitizers and disinfectants per manufacturer recommendations as indicated on the product label; and
  - Ensure adequate ventilation to prevent inhaling toxic fumes.
  - Maintain site cleaning logs indicating the date, time, and scope of cleaning.
  - Keep cleaning products, sanitizers and disinfectants secure and out of reach of individuals who may misuse;
  - Safely and immediately discard used gloves, paper towels or other disposable items after sanitizing or disinfecting, tied in a trash bag and removed from the environment.
  - Clean and disinfect all areas and equipment used by a person exhibiting symptoms upon their departure from the area and prior to use of the area or equipment by other individuals or staff.
  - PPE use and hand hygiene when cleaning and disinfecting causes safety hazards.
  - Provide ventilation with outside air safely and when possible.
- Limit use of shared objects/equipment. Ensure shared items are cleaned and/or sanitized after each use. Require hand hygiene before/after contact and glove use when feasible.
- Prohibit use of items/objects that cannot be cleaned and sanitized (i.e. soft object, cloth placemats, etc.) unless clinically required.
- Prohibit bringing personal items from home, except when clinically necessary, then have a plan for regular cleaning and disinfection including immediately prior to departure.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Staff have been trained and received documentation on proper hand washing. Signed documentation attesting to this is kept in the supervisor's office and copies are kept with human resources.

Individuals attending program also receive information and education on handwashing/sanitizing and are encouraged to do so throughout the day. Restrooms are checked regularly to ensure they are stocked. Hand sanitizing areas are available in designated spots, including high traffic areas.

Programming rooms are sanitized before and after program times. High traffic areas are cleaned throughout the day. Rooms are marked sanitized and locked after programming.

Departments have hand sanitizer, disinfectant and other cleaning/sanitizing supplies for each program - with at least 60 days in the operations stock pile.

### **G. Transportation**

Ensure that the following measures are implemented for the transport of individuals to/from day services to reduce COVID-19 transmission risk, when providing or contracting for transportation:

- Ensure only individuals and staff from the same facility will be transported together; preventing individuals or staff from other residences to be intermingled whenever possible;
- Reduce capacity on buses, vans, and other vehicles to 50% of total capacity;
- As possible, stagger arrival and departure times to reduce entry and exit density.
- To the extent possible, restrict close contact of individuals and staff by not sitting near each other or the driver.
- If there are multiple doors in a bus or van, utilize one-way entering and exiting. Provide instruction for individuals to exit the vehicle one at a time and wait for driver or staff instruction before doing so.;
- Ensure staff and the driver always wear face coverings in the vehicle. Ensure staff who cannot medically tolerate the use of a face covering are not assigned to transport individuals.
- To the extent they can medically tolerate one, support individuals to wear masks in vehicles.
- After each trip is completed, clean and disinfect the interior of the vehicle before additional individuals are transported; and
- Where appropriate and safe, roll windows down to permit air flow.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Programs that transport individuals are aware of all safety measures put in place. There is a maximum bus capacity of 6 individuals on the bus at one time. Additional bus runs have been created. All individuals maintain social distancing while riding the bus.

Bus driver checks temperatures and has been given disinfectant and PPE for all transporting trips.



**H. Tracing and Tracking**

- Notify the local health department and OPWDD immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 test result by an individual or staff at their site.
- If a staff or visitor test positive, procedures for day service cooperation with the local health department to trace all contacts in the workplace and notify the health department of all staff, individuals and visitors who entered the facility dating back to 48 hours before the positive person began experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or tested positive, maintaining confidentiality as required by federal and state law and regulations.

Identify how you will ensure the above and any related strategies:

Administration at The Community Place of Greater Rochester has all local health department and OPWDD contacts.

Staff and individuals attending program have been notified that they must contact The Community Place of Greater Rochester if they have been exposed to, or tested positive, for COVID.

Attendance is tracked daily for staff and individuals.

**ADDITIONAL SAFETY PLAN MEASURES:**

Please use this space to provide additional details about your program's Safety Plan, if appropriate.

N/a.