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**INNOVATIVE RESOURCES
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Re: Reopening Day Programs

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Dear Parents, Family Members, and Guardians,

I am reaching out to share a serious development and a bit of good news with caution. We have been advised by OPWDD that we may reopen our adult day services system. We, at IRI, have decided to open for anyone who does not live in an IRI sponsored home. This may be helpful to parents who care for their adult children in their homes, need a break and may have professional obligations that do not allow them to continue to care for their children during business hours.

We have also decided at this time to not send anyone who lives in an IRI sponsored home to another provider's day services program as it is not clear to us how safe these sites might be. Frankly, we are also afraid that someone who lives with us may go to another provider's day habilitation program, contract the coronavirus and bring it back to his or her housemates and staff who may not be as young and healthy as they are. This could have fatal consequences and present an asymmetric risk to benefit ratio. We will care for your loved ones at home and provide them with activities of all sorts and engage in carefully considered outings. I realize this section may not be popular but it is the best decision that we can make; informed by the experts, our own risk/reward assessment conducted by our executive staff with the input of our health care and behavioral professionals. I hope this makes sense and is reasonable to you. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (718) 920-0875.

Best regards,

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