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Re: Opt in Visitation Program

Dear Parent, Family Members, and Guardians,

This is to announce that we have decided to participate in the OPWDD's opt in visitation program. We came to this decision having weighed the pros and cons of doing this. We continue to support in all of our homes, a significant group of people with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, cancer, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, coronary disease and dementia which make contracting the coronavirus a potential fatal condition. As some of you may know, Queens has been the epicenter of the coronavirus and we now have the breakdown per zip code as to the hot spots. We have also have learned through the news that Long Island has recently been experiencing an uptick in the coronavirus infection rate. This should give us all pause. But yet, we truly understand that you have been patient and visiting your sons, daughters and loved ones is very healthy for all concerned. To that end, IRI is now participating in the opt in visitation program and we want to do so as safely as possible with the understanding that we are increasing risk across the board. We have developed a set of rules guided by the OPWDD guidance in this matter. See below.

Visitation Rules:

- By appointment only (please contact the manager to schedule when you would like to visit).
- Maximum length of visit is thirty minutes
- Location is outdoors only - in the back garden or yard.
- A maximum of two visitors per visit
- Visitors must comply with our health screening check. You will be asked three questions (1. in the last 14 days, have you visited any of the following states, Arizona, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, or Texas), 2. In the last 14 days, have you been exposed to anyone who has the virus, 3. Are you experiencing any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19). You will also have your temperature taken by a contactless thermometer. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions or your temperature is 100 degrees F or higher, you will not be permitted to visit for at least 14 days.
- You will be required to wear a mask
- To the extent possible, we are asking that you practice social distancing - we understand that this may be difficult but this is one of the requirements we are



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asked by OPWDD to have in place for visitation. I hope this arrangement makes sense to you as we seek to reunite you with your loved ones. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation. If you are comfortable with these rules, again please contact the manager or my office and I will be sure to facilitate your visit.

Best regards,

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