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Re: Home visits

Dear Parents, Family Members, and Guardians,

As you probably heard on the news, effective July 8, 2020, Long Island is reopening as it is entering Phase Four as delineated by Governor Cuomo. You may now take your loved one's home provided you take certain precautions and you follow some basic procedures. We must remember that while New York has generally bent the curve, we continue to have hot spots and the coronavirus has not been eradicated. Please find attached a Home Visit form that must be completed for a home visit to take place.

We want to remind you that if you wish to take your loved one home that during any off-site visit, exposure to members of different households and to public places, in general, should be done with caution and on a limited basis. Good hygiene must be practiced and safe social distancing should be maintained, whenever possible. Consistent with Executive Order 202.17, masks must be worn in public whenever social distancing cannot be maintained, to the extent they can be medically tolerated. In addition, you must review and complete the attached form. **Section I must be completed by you prior to the home visit and submitted to the residence manager. Section II must be completed by you at the time of the individual's return to the home.**

Finally, we are no longer providing drop off and pick up service and will not be providing your loved one with a staff to support him / her in your home during the home visit. This has been suspended until the pandemic is resolved. As always, we appreciate your anticipated cooperation and thank you again for your patience. We are trying to keep your loved ones safe and we believe we have been successful so far; given no current positive case of the coronavirus and no fatalities at IRI when we have been briefed that over 440 people with IDD have died due to the coronavirus, most of whom lived downstate and in group homes. As always, feel free to call me at (718) 805-6796, if you should have any question.

Best regards,

**Gilbert Louis, Ed.D.**  
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Dr. Elizabeth Corrigan, Chief Operating Officer



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