

TO: Kingsway Services Adult Day Program Families
FROM: Rachel Chan, CEO, Kingsway Services
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All,
I'm emailing to share the below update/guidance from the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, which we received last night. As you'll read below, the state is mandating the closure of all day services effective 3/17, and until further notice.

I'm sure you have many questions about what this means for the next several weeks. Scott and I are actively discussing the path forward, and we also anticipate some additional guidance coming from DDD shortly. This is an unprecedented situation for all of us, and working through these evolving circumstances is not easy. I anticipate we will have additional information to share with you on Monday, and appreciate your patience in the meantime. We wanted to share this information with you now so that you have some time to make plans as needed.

At this time, program will be open on Monday, 3/16, and closed for an undetermined period of time following that. If that changes (lots of things seem to be changing very rapidly in this environment...) we will let you know as soon as we know. Please feel free to reach out if you have specific questions or concerns.

Take care and be well,
Rachel

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To: Individuals, Families and Stakeholders of the Division of Developmental Disabilities

**DDD GUIDANCE: DAY PROGRAM CLOSURES & DISCONTINUED COMMUNITY OUTINGS
RELATED TO COVID-19**

Dear Individuals, Families and Stakeholders:

The highest priority of the Division of Developmental Disabilities is the health and safety of the individuals we serve. Early information on coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) suggests that older adults and people with chronic or underlying health conditions have a heightened risk of getting very sick

if they become infected. An important step to preventing the spread of COVID-19 is to eliminate large groups of people congregating together.

For this reason, DDD is calling for immediate actions to help prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). **No later than Tuesday, March 17, all Division-funded, facility-based day services have been directed to close until advised otherwise.**

Additionally, the Division has directed that **community outings** facilitated by providers that are not for the health or safety of an individual **should be discontinued immediately.**

The immediate health and safety of the individuals we serve are our top priority, and we are committed to working with our individuals, their families, and provider community to identify the best available solutions to keep individuals safe.

We recognize that this guidance will raise immediate questions about service delivery and reimbursement. The Division will provide additional details over the weekend, but we wanted to get this message to you all as quickly as possible. This is an evolving situation, we will stay in touch often, and we encourage stakeholders to monitor state and national public health websites for the most up-to-date information and guidance.

- [New Jersey Department of Health Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Information](#)
- [New Jersey Department of Human Services Coronavirus Information](#)

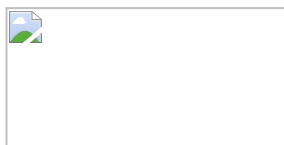
Thank you.

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