



Important Message from the CEO:

March 23, 2020

As you know, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has declared a State of Emergency to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been detected in more than 70 locations internationally.

Utilizing an abundance of caution, New York State OPWDD (Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities) has closed all Center based Day Programs; Program without Walls; Supported Employment; and, Saturday site-based Respite for a time period to be determined. In addition, all visitation to the Head Injury Association's (HIA) residential sites has been suspended indefinitely, until further notice. This is to minimize the risk of your loved ones coming in contact with the virus.

Day program staff and other support team members familiar with the needs of our individuals have been deployed to residential settings to ensure continuity of services. HIA is also equipped to provide supports to people living in the community with their family members. As such, we offer remote services for individuals and their families during this critical time.

Please be assured that HIA's leadership team is taking COVID-19 seriously and will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you informed. Agency administrators are, as usual, available 24/7 to answer any question you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Giordano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Giordano, Chief Executive Officer

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