



Reach For Your Potential, Inc.

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Dear Parents/Guardians and individuals served,

Now that spring is here, I wanted to reach out to everyone regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the individuals we serve. I am extremely happy to report that most of our members received the COVID-19 vaccine in early March. Although this good news, I believe that there is still a lot of uncertainty ahead and reason to continue to be vigilant. We plan to keep many of the same exposure guidelines in place until recommendations from the CDC warrant a change.

RFYP continues to require staff to wear face masks when working in the homes. In addition, staff will continue to take their temperature before starting their shift, which is recorded and tracked daily. The member temperatures are taken twice per day at 8:30am and 3:30pm and are also recorded and tracked daily. Any member with a temperature above 99.0 degrees Fahrenheit is followed up by medical team staff.

I ask that visitors, including guardians and family members, to wear face masks at all times while in the home and have their temperatures taken when entering the homes. Any visitor with a temperature greater than 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit should not remain in the home.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, RFYP recommends quarantining a home in the following circumstances:

- If an **unvaccinated** employee informs RFYP that they had close contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19
- If a RFYP employee (**vaccinated or unvaccinated**) has symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, headache and/or cough
- If a member (**vaccinated or unvaccinated**) has close contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19
- If a member (**vaccinated or unvaccinated**) has symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, headache and/or cough

The length of time that a home is under quarantine varies depending on the results of the employee or member test, but could be as long as fourteen days. Guardians will be asked if they agree when a home is quarantined and will also be notified when the quarantine is lifted.

Staffing at the homes, apartments, and the office has continued to remain constant. If we see a decrease in Direct Care staff due to illness, then we may need to reduce the number of Direct Care staff at some of the homes. Direct Care staff may also need to prioritize job duties that involve supervision, personal cares, medication management and meal preparation.

RFYP continues to reinforce with members, the importance of wearing masks and social distancing. We continue to ask staff to take members on activities where they will not be around large groups of people, such as going for walks or taking car rides.



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My hope is that with the vaccine becoming more widely available, then RFYP will be able to make changes in the exposure guidelines. Our top priority continues to be the protection of the members we serve. By continuing to implement the protocols that are described above, we will all get through this next phase of the pandemic. If you have any questions, just let me know.

Thank you,

Ronald Schieffer
Executive Director