To the Individuals, Families and Staff of NJID Residential Services:

As the COVID-19 (Corona virus) emergency expands, NJID must respond to protect the health and safety of its stakeholders, which includes the individuals, families and staff of Residential Services. There is nothing more important.

This pandemic requires that we implement necessary temporary changes to existing operations to ensure that every precaution is being taken to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 Virus. The following guidelines are effective immediately:

- All community outings will be discontinued
- Entry to all Residential Programs is limited to essential personnel, visitors are no longer allowed.
- If an individual residing in an NJID program chooses to leave the residence at any time, NJID will not permit their reentry into the home until the individual presents medical clearance explicitly stating that the person is free from communicable disease.
- New admissions into NJID residences have been postponed.
- All NJID Day Programs have been closed by direction of the State of New Jersey, effective March 17, 2020.
- NJID Day Program personnel will be assisting with staffing in Residential.
- NJID staff all have been well trained in universal precautions, hygiene and cleaning per CDC guidelines.

These guidelines will be in effect until April 1st and will be reevaluated at that time.

During this time of crisis, it is important that families, friends and loved ones remain in contact with each other; phone calls, FaceTime, Skype calls are encouraged. NJID can accommodate a variety of technology platforms and families should take advantage of these tools. The COVID-19 situation is constantly changing and families are urged to follow NJID on Facebook and to check the web page (www.NJID.org) for updates. Communications will continue through email, community alert phone calls and regular mail.

Please be assured that NJID management and staff are working around the clock to ensure the best possible protection for all. Your patience and understanding is truly appreciated. Together, as a family, we will move through this crisis to better times.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Robert.Link@NJID.org or call me at 732-549-6187 x4001.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Link
Director of Residential Services

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