



COVID-19 Weekly Update



Friday, March 19, 2021

We're pleased to communicate Imagine the Possibilities' intent to once again reopen our Day Habilitation programs across the state. Imagine has been working hard to prepare for this reopening and have included information regarding our anticipated practices in this update.

Within the next couple of weeks, the Imagine the Possibilities team will be communicating with individuals and their teams regarding the ramp up to our reopening set to begin on April 1. During the ramp up, dependent on programming size and availability of space to support social distancing during service delivery, we may not be able to reopen at full capacity. If this is the case, we have created criteria to determine who will be able to attend which will be shared with you at that time. Please note our intent is to allow all individuals who are interested in coming back the opportunity to do so at their original schedule and time; however, this may be limited based on available space.

As we navigate through these waters with regard to reopening our Day Habilitation programs, Imagine the Possibilities has made the decision to restrict outings in the community to only areas where social distancing can be guaranteed. Examples of approved outings include parks, trails, fishing, etc. In addition, visitors to our Day Habilitation Programs will be restricted to staff, members served and essential business personnel only all of whom will be required to complete temperature and self-monitoring checks as outlined in this plan.

You will receive a specific plan related to our processes for your day habilitation location. The following information describes activity that will be occurring at all of our Day Habilitation program locations:

Cleaning and Personal Protective Equipment

The following safety measures will be implemented:

- All bathrooms will be sanitized every two hours and communication regarding sanitation between uses will be posted. Cleaning will include wiping down faucets, doors, and handles.

- Program areas will be sanitized routinely include high touch areas such as tables, doornobs, etc.
- Shared items will be cleaned between uses including laundered items. A bin will be used to identify items that require more thorough cleaning and completed at end of service day.
- Hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be readily available in program areas.
- Agency vans will be sanitized between use to include high touch areas inside and out.
- Employees will be provided a mask and encouraged to through the day if they choose to wear one. During times where personal cares are being completed, staff will utilize Personal Protective Equipment.
- Individuals will be encouraged to bring and wear a mask if they choose and are able to.

Set Up

The following will be implemented in each location:

- Activities and programming will be completed with social distancing in mind.
- Tables and activities will be spaced out to minimize the number of folks in an area, table, or group.
- Signs will be posted regarding the importance of handwashing throughout the space.
- Lunches (if applicable) will be arranged to promote spacing between each person.
- If individuals require assistance with eating and/or personal cares, staff will utilize PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) including gloves, mask, and gown.

Monitoring for Signs and Symptoms

- Employees will complete a questionnaire that monitor for symptoms of illness including completing a temperature check prior to services.
 - A temperature is defined as 100.4 degrees or higher.
 - Symptoms include but are not limited to a new or worsening sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, headache, diarrhea, or cough.
- If symptoms exist and are noted, the individual will not be allowed to return for:
 - At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
 - Once the individual being tested for COVID-19 receives two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart.
- Individuals will document absence of symptoms of illness including temperature check prior to services.
 - If symptoms are noted, individuals will not be able to return for 14 days and must be fever free for 72 hours prior to returning.
 - Guardian and/or residential provider will be contacted to pick up the individual immediately.

You will be hearing from your Day Habilitation supervisor soon to discuss plans to return to Day Habilitation services! As always, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times!