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The Governor and the NYS Department of Health (DOH) have begun to identify geographic areas with higher than average rates of COVID-19 transmission, referred to as “hot spots,” “clusters,” and “micro clusters.” The risk of transmission is characterized by three colors (red, orange and yellow) and the level of mitigation management is increased as geographic areas demonstrate higher rates of infection and move along the continuum from yellow to orange to red.

Programs and facilities certified or operated by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), located within such designated geographic areas, will immediately be subject to mitigation and oversight measures. These restrictions are required in addition to all other applicable OPWDD COVID-19 guidance.

Our site-based day services located at 775 N. Main Street, New Hempstead, New York 10977 is in the red zone and will be temporarily suspended. The Day Program staff will be reaching out to you individually today and tomorrow to discuss our virtual sessions for your loved one.

Restrictions will continue, consistent with the NYS DOH closure restrictions for businesses, until the red or orange designation from the geographic area is modified. If there are any changes to this suspension, the day habilitation team will immediately advise you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly, if you have any questions regarding this change. I can be reached at [sara.trowers@jawonio.org](mailto:sara.trowers@jawonio.org) or (845) 406-5547

Graciously,

*Sara Trowers*

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Director of Day Services

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