AHRC New York City
Coronavirus (COVID 19) Update
March 17th, 2020

Update For People Supported, Families, and AHRC NYC Staff
As always AHRC New York City’s highest priority is the health and safety of ALL members of our community.

We at AHRC NYC are staying informed and are in touch with the NYC and State Departments of Health (DOH) and the CDC. We are closely following their recommendations.

A great deal has changed since our update on Friday as regards program closures.

Last night, NYC’s Mayor made the difficult decision to close the schools in New York City. That included AHRC NYC’s schools. They will be closed until at least April 20th.

After school programs operated through AHRC NYC’s Recreation Department which take place in our Department of Education schools will not operate for the same time period.

Day Service programs with and without walls and prevocational programs will also begin temporary suspension of programs as of 5 pm today, Tuesday, March 17th:

• People that live in AHRC NYC residences will be provided with Day Hab in the residence in which they reside.
• For people that reside in the community with their families, in the coming days we will contact every family to review their needs and the needs of their loved ones, and to assess our resources and ability to provide other day supports.
• Additionally, AHRC NYC will explore our ability to provide Community Hab in the home for families that might prefer this type of option and for whom staff is available.

We will attempt to keep everyone informed. We request that all families send their personal email address to stayintouch@ahrcnyc.org. Please include the name of your family member, your name and cell phone number or home number in order to facilitate communication.

Even after the closing of programs we request that if any staff is showing symptoms of illness or has had contact with someone under investigation for, or diagnosed with the Coronavirus (COVID 19), please immediately inform AHRC NYC by calling, 212-780-2697 so that we can inform staff and families with whom that staff may have been in contact. Please call this number ONLY with information about exposures to the Coronavirus (COVID 19).

As always our priority is the health and safety of all members of the AHRC NYC community.

For up to date information on AHRC NYC’s response to the Coronavirus, visit our website at www.ahrcnyc.org. For questions about health and personal issues, call your doctor and/or contact the Department of Health at 888-364-3065 or at https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/