

Lifestyles for the Disabled

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What is telehealth?	Telehealth is a way provide services virtually. Lifestyles has been providing these services via Zoom and phone calls.
What if you can't wear a mask?	While on an agency van with other individuals a mask must be worn at all times. If an individual cannot wear a mask on the van, the program team will work to find alternatives. While in program anyone who cannot wear a mask, will be able to socially distance from others, and staff will work with the individual to develop the skill, or increase their tolerance.
If I drive my son in, where do u drop off and where will he be placed?	Your supervisor will let you know where the drop off location will be.
What parents have been involved in the COVID planning opening?	A family of an individual entering back into the program is called. At that time a plan is discussed to best meet their needs. OPWDD and CDC dictate the protocols that must be utilized.
Who is deciding who is at a health risk?	The nursing staff is in charge. Healthiest individuals first, then individuals with minor or controlled health issues, and last wave is the medically fragile and older individuals with major health issues.
When I drive my son to the LEC how will we know who he will be spending his day with?	Hi Joann - when Jonathan is returning you will be notified of what his schedule will be and the staff he will be with. I'm always available to answer your questions too and provide more info also. Thanks, Joanne
Who decides who the five participants' will be? Also, since they're going to be with one another all day, they need to be able to get along with one another.	The program staff look at each group the individuals were in before the suspension of services, and we then break those groups down to groups of five. We are striving to have individuals remain with the peers they are accustomed to. Some may need to go into new groups, but whenever possible we will try to have them with folks they know.
What is QIDP? How will we know if my individual is going to be picked to go back?	QIDP-Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional. As we continue to phase our groups back in, each family/caregiver will be invited to a Zoom meeting to discuss their program needs, including their start day.
Will return to in person be everyday or alternating days?	It can be either. You can choose your schedule so that it fits your need.
What is the time span for wheelchair participants in group home, to return to the program?	As physical space is prepared and ready, we will be reaching out to each individuals support circle to discuss start dates.
To contact a Habilitation Specialist do you call the Lifestyles number?	To contact a Habilitation Specialist, you can Dial the main line at 718-983-5351 and if you know the staff extension, dial it at any time after. You can also listen to the directory for the name and extension you would like to reach.
How do you apply for the meal program?	Contact Laura Nash at Lnash@lfdsi.org

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<p>Will there be written instructions for the group home participants towards preparations which include mask's and the planning of lunches and other requirements?</p>	<p>All returning individuals, their families, and caregivers will have a pre-return meeting where all of the procedures will be explained. The agency's safety plan will be on our website on 9/4/2020.</p>
<p>What if I want to drive my child to program?</p>	<p>Anyone wishing to drive their loved one in and pick them up welcomed to do so. You get your drop off location as part of your pre-return welcome meeting.</p>
<p>Will the day Habilitation hours eventually go back to the 9-3 hours of service?</p>	<p>At this time our in person hours are 9-2. This may change in the future, but no time line has been set for that yet.</p>
<p>Can Lifestyles be defunded and shut down?</p>	<p>Lifestyles is alive and well!!! There are no concerns whatsoever about closing down or being defunded.</p>
<p>Until we are back to "normal" What can we do to support Lifestyles?</p>	<p>Be sure your son/daughter takes part in the ZOOM sessions and participate in the Food for Families program.</p>
<p>Are we going to all be in one building?</p>	<p>No social distancing will not allow all of our individuals to safely be in one building. We will be using all the facilities at our disposal, to ensure we can bring back as individuals as possible, while maintaining compliance with all of the health safety guidelines.</p>