

## **A Night with Richard Salinardi Webinar 02/16/2022**

### **Questions and Answers**

**1. Will the cafe and the ability to purchase lunch be opened shortly?**

The cafe is not serving lunch as of now, we will let families know when we will open our cafe to our individuals.

**2. Trips???**

We are beginning with small local day or evening trips. We will be giving opportunities to respite participants whenever possible. We have tried to include participants in a variety of activities from the flag football to small trips at dinner and a movie. If you would like to talk more please call me at 718-983-5351 extension 247.

**3. Masks?**

Everyone must wear their mask on the van and in program areas.

**4. When do you think the Saturday respite program might resume?**

We have not identified a start date for Saturday Respite. We are currently evaluating all programs and activities that we can resume.

**5. My daughter is a part of OPTS program, when will Day Habs open to new participants who are on the waiting list from the class of 2021, as well of tours of the different programs?**

We are actively working to bring back all of our already enrolled individuals as well as graduates from 2020, 2021 and 2022. Unfortunately, we are still not allowing visitors or tours but we are working on resuming as soon as possible. Please feel free to reach out to Annette Raia directly for specific information. She can be reached at 718-983-5351 Ext. 258

**6. When can the kids at home return to school?**

We are actively working to bring back all of our individuals to our programs.

**7. When will therapists be allowed to provide services to our kids at the program?**

Currently, Lifestyles does not have a time frame for allowing outside providers to come into program. Right now, we are utilizing all of the space for the individuals who are receiving in person services, and we do not have the space for the therapists to provide their services separate from the program.

**8. When will the program be returning to the 9-3 schedule for Day Hab??**

The agency does not have a time frame for changing the program hours.

**9. Will our individuals need to wear their masks if the governor finally lifts the mandate?**

At the current time, everyone must wear their mask on the van and in program areas. This is the ruling from OPWDD and as an organization we follow their ruling.

**10. Will more respite programs start to resume soon, such as the Saturday program? Will trips resume soon: overnight and weekend trips, and Kamp Kiwanis this summer??**

We have not identified a start date for Saturday Respite. We are currently evaluating all programs and activities that we can resume.

**11. When can we use insulated lunch bags instead of paper bags for daily lunches?**

Insulated bags can be used, they just need to be cleaned out after every use.

**12. Will the vans be organized by neighborhoods and closeness to each other/site?**

Van runs are going to be starting to pick up from a geographical standpoint instead of by group only.