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COVID-19 has been detected in multiple communities around New York State. Visitors may introduce COVID-19 infection into the facility. NYSHA and its member Hamaspik agencies is issuing the following policy regarding visitors to all facilities, Day Habilitation and Respite sites, IRAs and etc. to protect and maintain the health and safety of our residents and staff during the ongoing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

To prevent the introduction of COVID-19 into IRAs, CRs and Private Schools:

Effective immediately,

NYSHA and its member agencies

- Suspend all visitation except when medically or clinically necessary (i.e. visitor is essential to the care of the resident). In addition:
- Any visitors meeting these exceptions must be screened for symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, or fever) or potential exposure to someone with COVID-19 and the duration and number of visits should be minimized.
- NYSHA and its member agencies provide other forms of communication to meet the needs of our residents by calling each program director where detail guidance will be provided.

These policies are in effect until further notification.

We are certain that families, advocates and the public will appreciate these precaution measures for the health and welfare of the individuals.