



A MESSAGE TO THE CSPNJ COMMUNITY

Update: 6/12/20

Our response to the Coronavirus also known as COVID-19 is driven by our commitment to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of the staff, partners, and communities we serve.

We are closely monitoring all guidance from the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization to reduce the transmission in the workplace and the communities we serve.

1. **ALL Community Wellness Center** staff continue to offer video and telephone support groups as well as provide telephonic peer support. Although the physical locations are closed, each community wellness center has posted a list of call lines and other available community resources on their doors. Many community wellness centers are providing care baskets and food items to members when resources are available. For a list of our community wellness centers' virtual calendars of groups and activities, please visit <https://cspnj.org/communitywellnesscenters/>. For virtual Hearing Voices Network groups, please visit <https://cspnj.org/wellness-recovery-initiatives/>.
2. **The Wellness Respite** teams will continue to offer Intensive Outreach services and are now open for in-house Respite stays. For intakes or inquiries, please call **Haledon Respite: (862) 239-9896**; the **Newark Respite: (862) 229-1401**; or the **New Brunswick Respite: (732) 354-4403**.
3. **Support Services** have suspended groups and recreational activities. Our staff will endeavor to meet service recipients in their home as opposed to the larger community and maintain contact by regular check-in telephone calls to help limit exposure and so that we can continue educating service recipients about the practices necessary to remain as safe as possible. Telehealth services are now being offered to service recipients allowing work on goals to continue as well as work on other things important to them. Service recipients exhibiting symptoms will be encouraged to self-quarantine and to contact their health care provider.
4. **CSPNJ EMPLOYEES/Peers/Board:** Team members whose job duties allow them to work remotely have been doing so. This is to prevent or minimize in person transmission. We have also temporarily suspended or postponed all nonessential travel and attendance at in person meetings and or events and will utilize teleconferencing tools when at all possible. We are encouraging all CSPNJ employees to utilize telehealth services and virtual care provided by our health insurance provider.

While this unique situation evolves, CSPNJ is taking steps to remain educated and informed to ensure that we help slow the spread of this disease.

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