



# Member and Family News Bulletin

January 13, 2021

## 2021: What's Happening at Care Design NY

You are invited to join us for the next online meeting tomorrow, **Thursday, January 14 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Please [click here](#) to register. You may also submit a topic and/or question that you would like addressed during the event online registration process. Your feedback is very important to us!

We are recording meetings for your convenience. If you would like to listen to a past meeting, please [click here](#) to access.

## Message from Care Design NY CEO, James Moran

## Statement on the Recent Events in Washington D.C.

Please [click here](#) for a statement from James Moran, CEO, Care Design NY condemning the violence and challenges to our democratic ideals on 1.6.21.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Information & Advocacy

## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plans in New York

The COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan in New York State (NYS) is constantly evolving. Please [click here](#) to visit our FAQ vaccination web page for the latest information. [Click here](#) for the prioritization information.

[Click here](#) to access the letter to Governor Cuomo from the Care Coordination Organization/Health Homes (CCO/HHs) and advocacy partners on prioritizing all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) living in community-based and home-based settings--approximately 80,000 in New York State and the care managers that support them!

[Click here](#) to access the letter to Governor Cuomo from the Care Design NY Family Advisory Board.

**Please continue your advocacy to ensure all individuals with I/DD in New York State will be designated to receive the vaccine in a prioritized phase!**

Questions? Email: [memberfeedback@caresignny.org](mailto:memberfeedback@caresignny.org)

### Sign the Online Petition

[Click here](#) to sign the Arc of New York's online petition to advocate that Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Health ask for a definitive and public commitment that New Yorker's with I/DD served in community-based settings will be formally prioritized in Phase 1 of New York's COVID-19 vaccination plan.

### Upcoming Events

#### Member & Family Forum: Making Sense of Vaccines

Please join us for a discussion with Dr. Stephan Deutsch, PHP's Chief Medical Officer. We will be sharing the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccines. Topics will include: history of vaccines, how vaccines work, as well as benefits & risks of COVID-19 vaccines. Presentation will conclude with a Question & Answer session. Two schedule options to choose from. Click one to register: [1.27.21 @ 11:00 am](#) or [1.28.21 @ 1:00 pm](#).



**WEBINAR**

# **FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES**

We will be hosting a live Q&A to give some insight from our medical community that we hope will dispel any confusion or concern about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine. This is open to anyone including people supported, family members, staff, and anyone who would like to learn more.

**DATE**

Tuesday, January 19th at 5:30 pm

**SPEAKERS**

Edward Matthews, CEO;  
Jon Michnovicz, MD, Medical Director  
Rose Wargo, Vice President of Nursing  
Sharon Lipscomb, Nurse Practitioner

**ZOOM LINK**

[www.adaptcommunitynetwork.org/vaccine](http://www.adaptcommunitynetwork.org/vaccine)

Passcode: 618860

## **Online Special Education Resources**

### **Customized Special Education Resources**

We understand that amid the pandemic you're navigating new norms and expectations related to your child's special education needs. To help guide our commitment to provide meaningful support and resources we have created a brief survey for Care Design NY members (through age 21) and/or their families living in the regions/counties\* listed below.

[Click here](#) to complete this seven (7) question special education survey.

\*Regions/Counties:

- Capital Region 1, 2 (Albany, Columbia, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Schoharie);

- Lower Hudson Valley (Rockland and Westchester);
- North Country (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington);
- Upper Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Ulster).

## LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: TRANSITION PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILD

We recorded our November 18 special education session for your child's IEP after high school. [Click here](#) to access the recording of the presentation and meeting resources.

### Frequently Asked Questions

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Care Design NY is committed to getting answers to your most pressing questions! We have documented the answers from our subject matter experts.

Have a question? Please email: [memberfeedback@caredesignny.org](mailto:memberfeedback@caredesignny.org).

### Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)

### COVID-19 Resource Center for Members

### COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs



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