



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

News Bulletin

April 29, 2020

The COVID-19 public health emergency is rapidly changing. To help you stay informed, we have been hosting two online meetings per week: Monday at 6:00 pm and Thursday at 11:00 am. This is an opportunity for the individuals and families we support to get information and ask the Care Design NY leadership team questions. Our most important priorities are influenced by your feedback!

Please join us **tomorrow, Thursday, April 30 at 11:00 am** for a COVID-19 online meeting. Please [click here](#) to register.

Please [click here](#) for the recordings of past COVID-19 online meetings.

[April & May Online Meeting Schedule](#)

[Past Recorded Webinars & Online Meetings](#)

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NEW Guidance

Department of Health Interim Guidance for COVID-19 Protocol Testing:

Please [click here](#) to read the New York State Department of Health April 26 **Interim Guidance for COVID-19 Protocol Testing**. Health care providers must prioritize a COVID-19 test for an individual who is part of a high-risk population, including persons in congregate care settings, persons who have an underlying condition, those with compromised immune systems, and essential care workers.

Guidance on "K" Amendment:

Amendment "K" is a standalone appendix that may be utilized by states during emergency situations to request amendment to approved 1915 (c) waivers. Please [click here](#) for additional information.

Please [visit our COVID-19 Resource Center](#) for more information on guidance and other relevant COVID-19 information.

Benefits & Entitlements

The Care Design NY Benefits and Entitlements team is monitoring the COVID-19 situation carefully and providing timely and relevant updates to Members and families. Please read this information carefully with a time sensitive deadline:

Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

SSI recipients who don't file tax returns will start receiving their automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department in early May.

Individuals **receiving SSI benefits who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes and have qualifying children under age 17** should immediately visit the IRS website, non-filers section, and provide your information. Please [click here](#) for the IRS non-filer web page.

SSI recipients who have dependent children and who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes need to act quickly-- the deadline is Tuesday, May 5, 2020-- in order to receive additional payments for their eligible children.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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Please [visit our COVID-19 Resource Center](#) for additional information.

Care Design NY Salutes Direct Support Professionals

Our heart felt appreciation and gratitude to DSPs for ensuring Care Design NY members have the supports and services they need to live a quality life!

Please [click here](#) to view our messages of appreciation. Follow Care Design NY on [Facebook](#) and share our appreciation for Direct Support Professionals with your friends!

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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.

Please click on the Frequently Asked Questions button below. We will continue to update this FAQ list, so please check back frequently!

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

COVID-19 Resources

The COVID-19 public health crisis is rapidly changing. This information represents the most up to date information we had at the time of publishing. We will update as new information becomes available.

[COVID-19 Resource Center](#)

Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)

[COVID-19 SOS Search Tool](#)

COVID-19 SOS Information Overview



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