



*Coronavirus (COVID-19)*

# News Bulletin

October 28, 2020

## What's Happening at Care Design NY

You are invited to join us tomorrow, 10.29, for an online meeting @ **11:30 am**. Please [click here](#) to register. This will be an opportunity for you to ask the Care Design NY leadership team questions as OPWDD resumes their in-person and service delivery operations.

Your feedback is crucial to influencing our most important priorities!

Please [click here](#) to access the recorded online meetings.

[Click here](#) to see all of the upcoming meetings through year-end.

## OPWDD Health Advisory & Guidance

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### OPWDD Health Advisory and Guidance

On 10.23.20, OPWDD issued [interim guidance on designated cluster mitigation and oversight](#) to limit the spread of COVID-19. This guidance is applicable to programs and facilities certified or operated by OPWDD located within the geographic zones designated as part of New York State Governor's strategic response to micro-clusters via the [Cluster Action Initiative](#).

Agencies operating programs and providing services to individuals with I/DD are required to implement processes to maintain awareness of the cluster zones locations and identify the community-based programs/services the agency delivers in those zones.

To help you monitor the evolving situation, please visit the [New York Forward website](#) on the State's cluster action initiative for the most up-to-date information on the currently designated zones.

**Step 1:** Scroll to the Map of Cluster Zones.

**Step 2:** Arrow to your general location.

**Step 3:** Click on the Hi-Res version.

**Step 4:** Zoom into a detailed map view to identify the specific locations affected.

You may also enter a specific street address: [click here](#).

## In The News

### NYC Family Advocacy Information Resource (FAIR)

Elly Rufer, co-founder of NYC FAIR, was interviewed this week on how NYC FAIR helps inform family members about supports and services for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. [Click here](#) to read.

To contact NYC FAIR via email: [info@nycfair.org](mailto:info@nycfair.org). You can also subscribe to their newsletters on their website: [www.nycfair.org](http://www.nycfair.org). Like and follow NYC FAIR on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nycfair](http://www.facebook.com/nycfair) and on Twitter: [@nyc\\_fair](https://twitter.com/nyc_fair).

## What's Happening Outside of Care Design NY



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### 2020 Epilepsy Family Conference

The Epilepsy Foundation is hosting a virtual conference on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 beginning at 10:15 am - 2:30 pm. Registration is open and

free! [Click here](#) for the program details and to register.

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## **Celebrating 50 Years of Guardianship: Its Value, Alternatives and Best Practices**

A series of five unique and exciting virtual presentations with exceptional speakers! Here is the schedule:

October 29: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

November 5: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

November 12: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

November 19: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Zoom platform on [www.thearcny.org](http://www.thearcny.org)

Cost: FREE

Questions? Email [bermane@thearcny.org](mailto:bermane@thearcny.org) or [buchanana@thearcny.org](mailto:buchanana@thearcny.org)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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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](mailto: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!

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

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**COVID-19 Resource Center for Members**