



EPIC's STATUS: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

OPEN WITH MODIFIED SERVICES TO PROGRAMS. MAXIMUM TELEWORK FLEXIBILITIES TO ALL CURRENT TELEWORK ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES. CONFER WITH YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR (Updated 3/18/2020).

PLEASE RETURN DAILY AS OUR SITUATION MAY CHANGE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS VIA CDC, DDA, MHD OR ORDERS FROM THE GOVERNOR.

In an abundance of caution, EPIC is continuing to monitor the health crisis associated with COVID-19. We are aligning our service protocols with the guidelines set by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). We are following the guidance of these public health professionals on steps we must take to protect the health and safety of our staff, people supported, and the community. For example:

1. We are cleaning hard surfaces in our homes and main offices with a disinfecting solution several times per day
2. We are adhering to the recommended 1 to 2 meters of social distancing between staff
3. We are providing additional bottles of hand sanitizer and hand soap to staff and people supported in our homes as well as our main office
4. We are encouraging frequent handwashing (for everyone) throughout the day
5. We have provided staff with the necessary PPE supplies
6. We are encouraging alternate forms of in-person greetings (e.g., no handshakes or hugs)
7. If staff or people supported exhibit flu like symptoms while at EPIC, then they are sent home and cannot return unless cleared by a doctor
8. We are encouraging staff, who can perform their duties remotely, to telework until further notice
9. We are discouraging unnecessary visitors to our offices and group homes
10. We are staying positive and stress free to minimize anxiety in the people we support

At this time, all EPIC programs are open and operating on a modified schedule, which has been communicated to the affected families. We have made the necessary staffing adjustments and accommodations to continue providing EPIC services every day. However, please follow us closely as changes or disruption to our programs could occur suddenly. We will communicate mass disruptions via our website and social media platforms. We thank you for your understanding and corporation. For your convenience, below are COVID-19 community resources:

- Maryland Department of Health - <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- Prince George's County Coronavirus Hotline - 301.883.6627