

June 11, 2021

Good afternoon,

It's been a hot week, and we have enjoyed every minute of it! Clients have been outside, relaxing at the beach, playing sports, visiting local farms, and enjoying being with friends and family. Some of our clients even took in a baseball game, which is a huge change from our world one year ago. We are so excited to see more "normalcy" returning to our day-to-day operations. At this point, The PLUS Company is no longer requiring screening of clients and staff upon the start of a workday or program services. The only exception to this will be our 4 licensed homes, which will continue daily screenings including temperature checks. We do continue to encourage individuals planning to enter the workplace or program services to self-screen prior to coming onsite and not to attempt to enter the workplace/program if any of the following are present:

- Symptoms of COVID-19
- Fever equal to or higher than 100.4
- Are under evaluation for COVID-19 (for example, waiting for the results of a viral test to confirm infection)
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and not yet cleared to discontinue isolation

Staff and clients are expected to continue to wear masks when they are together indoors or while being transported. clients do not need to wear masks within their own homes. Masks do not need to be worn while outdoors and socially distanced. We look forward to continuing to relax these preventative measures as the months go by, but the health and safety of our clients and staff is our top priority.

We continue to encourage all staff and clients to become vaccinated for COVID-19 to ensure that we are able to provide safe service delivery. In New Hampshire, vaccination delivery is being shifted to pharmacies and hospitals. For more information or to find a location in New Hampshire, please go to: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>. Massachusetts is also offering vaccines for those 12+, and you can find locations and set an appointment here: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>.

Once again, I have to remind everyone that we are looking for staff. The PLUS Company will not be able to fully return to face-to-face services until we are able to hire and retain more Direct Support Professionals. If you know of anyone who would be a great Direct Support Professional and enjoy a rewarding job surrounded by great people, please send them our way. We have all shifts available. We are also looking for more employment opportunities for our clients. We still have many clients looking to return to work and are making strides to secure employment for everyone who has employment as one of their goals. If you know of a workplace that would be looking for help and might be a good fit for our clients, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you all for your support!



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