

MEMO

TO: QCP Staff working in adult programs in the “Yellow Zone”

FROM: Terri Ross, Executive Director

RE: COVID-19 testing

DATE: October 26, 2020

Governor Cuomo has identified zones throughout New York State that have unfortunately seen a rise in COVID-19 cases, and has designated them as a “Cluster Zone” by the colors “Red,” “Orange,” and “Yellow.” The programs and services we provide at 164th Street and at our residence on 84th Street are currently in the Yellow zone.

We continue to follow the recommendations of the Governor, New York State, and OPWDD. The current recommendations are strongly suggesting weekly testing of staff and individuals while our sites are in the yellow zone.

We recommend that you take advantage of some of the free testing sites throughout the community. One of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation sites is located at 82-68 164th St, in the parking lot of Queens Hospital Center. The process is streamlined for our employees, as we are “Essential Workers”. If you bring your QCP ID (or pay stub) along with proper NYS ID (Driver’s license, passport or Non-Driver ID), you may use the “DOE priority” line to get taken quickly.

The walk-in clinics, like CityMD, are also available for testing at no cost to you.

We are required to report positive test results to NYS. If you have a positive result, please notify your Program Director and email Ellen Arocho at earocho@queenscp.org.

We will keep you informed of any changes in the “hot zones” as we are notified.

Thank you once again for everything you do to continue to support those we serve in a safe and positive way.