



## **COVID-19 Update: 4:00PM on Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

As Florida continues to phase the reopening of our state, we want to update you of LARC's plans and actions as we work toward reopening our Adult Day Training programs.

Our plans use CDC guidelines and other sources to best respond to the risk of COVID-19, and to plan safely and efficiently for the return to daily on-site programs. This plan includes new processes that aim to best protect everyone; staff, participants, visitors, Support Coordinators, etc. We recognize these times have been challenging for everyone, and appreciate your patience as we work to make LARC the best place possible to learn, work, and serve in a world where the risk of COVID-19 exists. Mitigating or reducing the risk of infection is a goal we will work collectively toward going forward.

LARC will be launching Phase 1 of reopening our Adult Day Training program on Friday, June 19th. During Phase 1 we are inviting a small group of participants back to on-site services. Our goal is resume services safely, and over time, work toward full capacity in multiple phases. During each phase we will evaluate progress, carefully moving to the next phase, keeping risks at a minimum and allowing us to address challenges and opportunities moving forward. Participants, families, guardians and caretakers can expect to be contacted by LARC staff as we continue to share information and prepare additional participants to return, whether in Phase 1 or later Phases.

What LARC is doing to keep people safe:

- Reduced classroom sizes. Classrooms will operate independently from each other, preventing shared spaces and congregate settings.
- Social distancing protocols including visual markings on floors
- Daily temperature testing for staff and participants
- Signage throughout facilities reinforcing best practices
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout facilities
- Increased hand hygiene training and hand washing throughout the day
- Masks are required to be worn by staff. Participants are encouraged to wear masks if possible. Wearing masks, social distancing and aggressive hand hygiene practices reduce risk and are best practices to mitigate risk of infection.
- Frequent training will be provided to all participants regarding COVID-19 safety procedures.
- Only visitors deemed medically necessary will be permitted at this time. All visitors will be screened, temperature tested and will be required to wear a mask.
- Water fountains have been temporarily suspended. Bottled water will be available.
- Shaking hands, hugging, fist bumps, high fives and other physical forms of greetings or celebrations will be discouraged.
- Adult Day Training program hours: Fort Myers 9am – 3pm and Bonita Springs 8:30am – 2:30pm
- Enhanced cleaning procedures will take place daily throughout the facilities.

During our reopening process, staff will continue to offer opportunities for interaction and support to participants, including providing materials and activities when desired. Please contact LARC at 239-334-6285 X231 if you wish to learn more or need assistance.

We appreciate and applaud everyone's efforts to stay safe during this time and look forward to welcoming participants back. Stay safe!

Best Regards,

Kevin Lewis, Executive Director

\*For more information about COVID-19 and what you can do to keep healthy and safe, visit the Centers for Disease Control at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).