

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of The Arc, Ocean County Chapter,

As you know the Coronavirus has become a serious concern throughout the country, including here in New Jersey. We have been evaluating the information available on an hourly basis in order to make the best decisions for the individuals that we support.

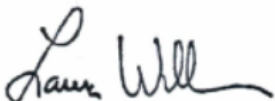
As Social Distancing is becoming the most recommended strategy for minimizing risk, The Arc, Ocean County Chapter has made the following decisions:

1. All Day and Employment Programs will be closed next week – March 16th to March 20<sup>th</sup>. This includes the following programs: The Arc Employment Center, Brick ATC, North Bay ATC, Community Connections ATC, Tuckerton ATC, Journeys and Discovery. Some staff will be engaged in deep cleaning of the facilities or providing staffing support to our residential consumers in their homes.
2. All Recreation Programs including, Saturday Recreation, Bowling, and Smiles programs have been cancelled thru the end of March. The Arc will refund or credit any activity fees paid for cancelled events.
3. Residential Consumers living in our group homes will not attend any day program activities next week even if they are registered with a day program run by another agency. Staff from the residential program and Arc day programs will be deployed to the homes to provide in-home activities during the day.

We will evaluate the need to continue this plan on a daily basis and will communicate frequently on our efforts to keep the individuals we support and our employees as healthy as possible. We will post updates to our website – [www.arcocean.org](http://www.arcocean.org) as needed. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Laura Williams  
Executive Director