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COVID Corner

Note From Sandy

Client infections statewide have remained the same since early July. That is good news for the systems about infection rate of COVID-19.

I recently received a document from the National State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services that was sent to all the Area Agency Directors. What was an *a-ha!* moment was that the challenge we find ourselves in is also full of opportunity. They defined it as a **Sunrise Phase** - introducing new possibilities. During this difficult time as we try to redesign services to our clients and families, review our financial circumstances, and assuring health and safety strategies, I am asking the Gateways team to consider innovations for the long haul - our own Gateways Sunrise Phase.

I acknowledge this massive disruption in our lives, and our Gateways work lives. Recently, I have been asked about how Gateways will support our staff who have children returning to school and daycare, considering the varied models that are being presented by the school districts. Gateways acknowledges this is new phase of COVID delivery. The leadership team will be working to establish guidelines and support for these circumstances. More to come.

Be well and be safe,

~Sandy

