

April 10, 2020

Dear SARC Community,

I wanted to provide you with a brief update related to San Andreas and the Covid-19 crisis. The disruption that this crisis has caused for many people has been difficult and in many cases, overwhelming. By now, you should have been contacted by your service coordinator to discuss your situation. If you have not been contacted, we encourage you to send a message to info@sarc.org or call one of the offices to be connected to an on-call manager.

Some updates:

- 1) The shelter in place for our counties will expire on May 3, 2020. Until that time, all of the San Andreas offices will remain closed. However staff continue to be available as most are working remotely. Again, if you are having trouble connecting with your service coordinator, then please send an email to info@sarc.org for support.
- 2) Sadly, we had one individual pass away earlier this week from complications related to the COVID-19 virus. This individual had underlying medical conditions which complicated his condition.
- 3) SARC has approximately 30 individuals being monitored due to COVID exposure, They are not actively sick but are being monitored consistent with the Department of Public Health guidelines.
- 4) The Internal Revenue Service recently passed a stimulus package which guarantees up to \$1200 for people who receive SSI and who are not claimed as a dependent by another person. You can learn more about the program and eligibility by visiting the [IRS website](#).
- 5) The Department of Developmental Services has provided a lot of guidance to regional centers which supports the service industry. One of the directives instructs many providers to consider alternate forms of delivering their support, including using remote technology. You can read this directive and all directives on our [Corona Virus Information and Resource page](#). Here you will also find information related to food banks, mental health, Public Health information, and much more.
- 6) Santa Clara County has created the [#siliconvalleystrong](#) website which has a comprehensive list of services to support people during this crisis.
- 7) Stay connected with San Andreas by following on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.
- 8) Services will depend on availability. Common increases have included respite, day care, ILS, and crisis support. Please connect with your service coordinator to discuss your serve needs.

Together we will get through this crisis. Again, send an email to info@sarc.org if you are having trouble connecting to your service coordinator. You can also connect to an On-call manager by calling one of the offices. Stay safe and healthy.
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Sincerely,

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