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Dear Individuals, Families, and AHRC Suffolk Team Members:

In an unsolicited gesture of kindness and solidarity, Mr. Amir Farooq, Vice President of Zulco International, Inc. knocked on our door, as our new neighbor at the Annex, to introduce himself and donate blue three-ply masks and bottles of hand sanitizer. Once I got to thank Mr. Farooq, he generously asked how he could help AHRC Suffolk further.

Through our conversation I shared my wish to send every staff member home with boxes of masks (50) and 2 bottles of hand sanitizer, feeling that if we can support staff and their families being safe at home, then that can support us keeping each other and the individuals we serve and their families safer too!

Over the next several weeks we will be getting out these supplies to every staff member at every site for you to take home. Although the Governor has lifted the indoor mask mandate, AHRC Suffolk's mask mandate remains in place and we wish to support staff and their families to remain safe in the community.

A reminder for staff—if you have not yet taken the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion survey, please do so as soon as possible! This survey, done in collaboration with The Arc New York in a statewide effort, will help us to encourage an environment where all employees feel safe, comfortable, respected and accepted. Please refer to an agency email that was sent to all staff on February 2nd for the link to take the survey!

Membership 2022 - have you signed up to be a member of AHRC Suffolk yet? Membership means joining our collective voice in advocating for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities on important matters regarding policy, programming and more! As a thank you for becoming a member and aligning with our mission, each member will receive a complimentary entry into our Annual Cash Raffle (and a chance to win \$1,500)!! Click **HERE** to become a member and show your Suffolk Pride! #InItTogether

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

Paul H. Torres
Chief Executive Officer

