

## Important Message from Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC)

Starting on July 12<sup>th</sup> and occurring throughout the month, supervisory staff will begin to come back to the office and will no longer be working from home.

After Labor Day, we plan to slowly bring back our remaining employees, likely by department until everyone is once again physically in our building.

People can drop-in at any time between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 AM to 3:00 on Friday, though to ensure that the person you wish to speak with is here, we strongly recommend you make an appointment or call ahead. The doors will be unlocked and we welcome you to STIC.

We are still asking all visitors to wear a mask in the public areas of our building (front lobby, rest rooms, hallways, etc.). If you are fully vaccinated, and we are going by the honor system, once you reach your meeting location, you can remove your mask.

Unvaccinated people must wear a mask at all times in the building, unless there is a medical reason that precludes them from doing so. Many of the people that come to STIC have immune system issues, or other disabilities that make them susceptible to COVID-19 and other illnesses, so we ask your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

While we have been serving people throughout the pandemic via phone, Zoom, telecommuting, and other means, it will be great to finally get back to normal. We will be able to meet face-to-face, for those of us who haven't been doing so already, and that will be much more productive and satisfying.

On the lighter side, if you are interested in a fun experience with some friends, STIC's four Xscapes rooms are open for business, and are following appropriate COVID-19 protocols. Birthday parties can now be scheduled as well. Check out our Facebook page or website link for more information.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to STIC.