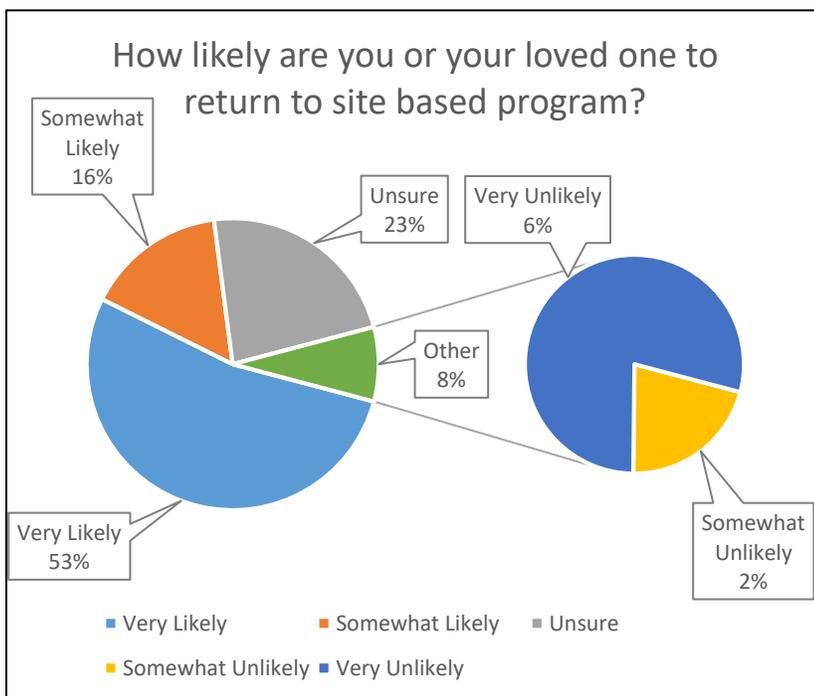


July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear families, friends, and colleagues,

We write to you today to update you on our anticipated reopening plans for day services. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we anticipated reopening could take place on or after today, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Since then, the situation throughout the country has changed dramatically. At this time **we have no tentative date for reopening and no guidance from OPWDD on what reopening may look like.** We continue to further refine the plans that were shared in our previous communication.

We are able to share with you the preliminary results of our survey, conducted with the Arc New York. We would like to offer a huge thank you to the 232 people that responded to the survey – the time you took to respond has helped us immensely with our planning.

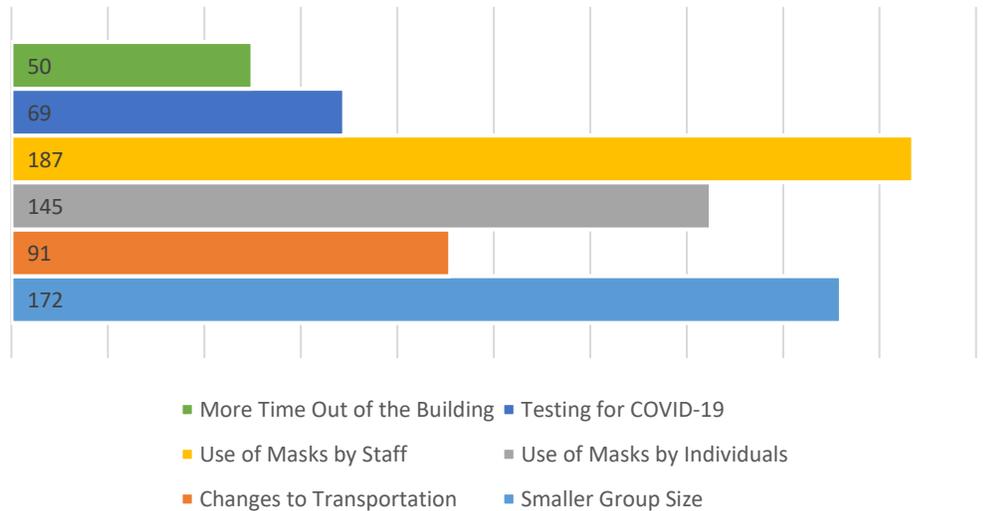


As you can see from the pie chart almost 70% of people are very or somewhat likely to return to site based program. 8% are very or somewhat unlikely to return at this time, but will reconsider as the situation with the pandemic progresses. 23% of people are unsure about return at this time based on their circumstances and preferences.

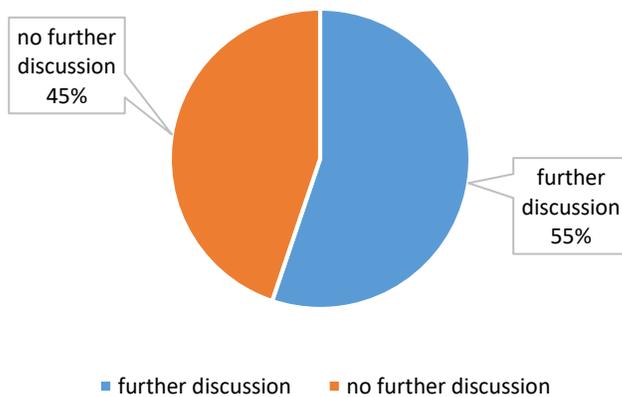
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The overwhelming preference is for smaller groups, use of masks and changes to transportation. We have detailed our plans in these areas in previous communications, and will continue to fine tune our plans.

What changes would you like to see in place to feel comfortable returning to program?



Would you have an interest in participating in additional conversations/planning about the future of Day Habilitation programs?



We also asked if you wanted to participate in additional conversations/planning about the future of Day Habilitation programs. Over 55% of people said they wanted to participate. We are currently conducting outreach to respondents, in order to facilitate this dialogue.

If you have not received contact but wish to participate in discussion about the future of Day Habilitation programs, please contact the appropriate AED for Orange or Sullivan County (information listed below)

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families continued health and hope to see you again in person as soon as circumstances allow.

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