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COVID-19 Response-Memo #5



From: Jason Cornwell, DDS Division Director  
To: All DDS Waiver Providers and Stakeholders:

As we all grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to communicate the most recent response plans that impact recipients of DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver and Medically Fragile Waiver and Stakeholders:

1. Public Health Emergency Order Closing All Businesses and Non-Profit Entities Except for those Deemed Essential and Providing Additional Restrictions on Mass Gatherings Due to COVID-19: This order (attached) restricts all businesses, except those entities identified as “essential businesses”, are hereby directed to reduce the in-person workforce at each business or business location by 100%.
2. Notice of Essential Business dated 3-23-2020: This document explains that DDS funded services are essential and that Direct Support Personnel can continue to work, and that agencies can continue to operate so long as the order is observed.
3. Therapist Update Attached: Please see this resource of vital information for the Therapy Community.
4. Therap: Deborah Hibbard Brito with Therap held two training webinars regarding the new GER options identifying COVID-19 events. These webinars were recorded and can be found at: <https://help.therapservices.net/app/new-mexico>.

**Please be advised, Therap has updated the ICD-10 Code List.**

New Code added by CDC, off cycle to ICD-10 Code list “U07.1 COVID-19 Acute Respiratory Disease.

Lastly, should stakeholders have specific questions, concerns, and/or scenarios, contact your Regional Director. The situation is fluid and will evolve. Guidance will be provided accordingly.