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The Public Health Order dated March 23, 2020 from the Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health sets forth in-person work restrictions, effective today until further notice.

Of note:

*(2) 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%. “Essential businesses” may remain open provided they minimize their operations and staff to the greatest extent possible. Further, all essential businesses shall, to the greatest extent possible, adhere to social distancing protocol and maintain at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, avoid person-to-person contact, and direct employees to wash their hands frequently. Further, all essential businesses shall ensure that all surfaces are cleaned routinely.*

*(3) This Order only requires the closure of physical office spaces, retail spaces, or other public spaces of a business and does not otherwise restrict the conduct of business operations through telecommuting or otherwise working from home in which an employee only interacts with clients or customers remotely.*

Please remember that **essential businesses**, Health care operations including hospitals, walk-in-care health facilities, emergency veterinary and livestock services, pharmacies, medical wholesale and distribution, home health care workers or aides for the elderly, emergency dental facilities, nursing homes, residential health care facilities, research facilities, congregate care facilities, intermediate care facilities for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities, supportive living homes, home health care providers, and medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers;

This notice is to confirm that your agencies, which provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and are operated, contracted with, and authorized or funded by the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division, qualify for this exemption and should remain in operation to the extent necessary to provide those services.

Sincerely,



Jason Cornwell, Division Director  
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