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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #11

From: Jason Cornwell, Acting DOH Deputy Secretary
To: All DDSD Waiver Providers and Stakeholders:



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

1. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/>
2. Should I be Tested? <https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/>
3. Test Portal: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>
4. HSD Portal Page: <https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/covid.htm>
5. Attached is a memo regarding Training Accommodations during COVID 19 to include remote/video conference trainings with participants. If you have questions regarding this document, please contact Teresa Tomashot, Statewide Training Manager at Teresa.tomashot@state.nm.us.
6. Attached is the April 2020 DD Waiver Therapists Update. If you have questions regarding this document, please use the contact information within the document.
7. Attached is information from the Centers for Disease Control on Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
8. Attached is information from the Centers for Disease Control on how to protect, prepare, and prevent COVID 19 for individuals with developmental disabilities.
9. Information from the Centers for Disease Control that recommends the Use of Cloth Face Coverings, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Additional information from the CDC on this subject can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
10. Information from the Centers for Disease Control on Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment. Additional information from the CDC on this subject can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>
11. Information from the Centers for Disease Control regarding the Implementation of Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19. The information includes recommendations for pre-

screening employees, monitoring, wearing a mask, social distancing, and disinfecting the workplace:

- **Pre-Screen:** Employers should measure the employee's temperature and assess symptoms prior to them starting work. Ideally, temperature checks should happen before the individual enters the facility.
- **Regular Monitoring:** As long as the employee doesn't have a temperature or symptoms, they should self-monitor under the supervision of their employer's occupational health program.
- **Wear a Mask:** The employee should wear a face mask while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure. Employers can issue facemasks or can approve employees' supplied cloth face coverings in the event of shortages.
- **Social Distance:** The employee should maintain 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.
- **Disinfect and Clean Workspaces:** Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment routinely.
- **Additional information from the CDC on this subject can be found at** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>

12. **Obtaining COVID-19 Test Kits from NMDOH-** Supported Living, Family Living, Intensive Medical Living and Adult Nursing Providers can request COVID-19 Test Kits directly from the NMDOH. Only licensed nursing staff with proper PPE can collect Specimens. Collected Specimens must be transported to your nearest Public Health Office for delivery to the NM DOH Scientific Laboratory (SLD) will notify the provider of results. If providers experience any difficulty obtaining results, contact your Regional Office Director as soon as possible.

To request COVID-19 Test Kits, the following process must be observed:

- Send an email request to: Coordinator.DOC@state.nm.us
- The request must include the following information:
 - a. Name of Provider
 - b. Mailing Address where KITS should be sent
 - c. Number of Test Kits Requested
 - d. Name of Requestor
 - e. Contact Telephone Number of Requestor
 - f. Reason for Request (Possible Exposure; Displaying Symptoms etc.)
 - g. The License Number of the Director of Nursing
 - h. For information on how to receive training to collect specimens, please contact your local Public Health Office or visit the following link:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Finfection-control%2Fcontrol-recommendations.html

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