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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #14

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, Medically Fragile Waiver and State General Fund stakeholders:

1. DDSD COVID-19 testing for individuals receiving DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, and SGF services through April 29th, 2020:

	Total Tests	Positive Tests	COVID 19 Related Deaths
DD Waiver	41	4	3
Mi Via Waiver	1	1	0
State General Fund	0	0	0
Totals	42	5	3

2. Attached is a memo from DDSD mandating the use of face masks for DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, and State General Fund services. **Effective immediately, the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) is mandating that all Direct Support Professionals wear a face mask while working in homes throughout the entirety of their scheduled shift.** Please read the memo for additional detail. If you have questions regarding the memo, please contact Scott Doan at scott.doan@state.nm.us or contact your local Regional Director.
3. Attached is information on The Battelle Critical Decontamination System, which is a machine capable of decontaminating personal protective equipment for reuse in protecting people against COVID-19. The machine can decontaminate up to 83,000 N95 masks per day.
4. Information from the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> that includes updated information on testing to include the addition of new COVID-19 symptoms. The CDC states that COVID-19 symptoms may appear in 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Individuals with the following symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19.
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Or at least two of the following symptoms:*
 - Fever
 - Chills

- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- New loss of taste or smell

5. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/>
6. Should I be Tested? <https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/>
7. Test Portal: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>
8. HSD Portal Page: <https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/covid.htm>
9. New Mexico Healthcare Worker and First Responder Support Line **1-855-507-5509**



Lastly, should stakeholders have specific questions, concerns, and/or scenarios, please contact your Regional Director. The COVID 19 situation is fluid and will evolve; additional guidance will be provided accordingly.