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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:

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<th>Total Tests</th>
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<td>DD Waiver</td>
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<td>Mi Via Waiver</td>
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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](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
   - Fever
   - Chills

Or at least two of the following symptoms:
• 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/
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.