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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #21

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. DDSD COVID-19 testing for individuals receiving DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, and SGF services through June 17th, 2020:

	Total Number of Individuals tested	Total Number of Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19	COVID 19 Related Deaths
DD Waiver	276	16	5
Mi Via Waiver	1	1	0
State General Fund	4	0	0
Medically Fragile Waiver		0	0
Totals	281	17	5

2. **DDSD Re-Opening Committee:** Reminder: The DDSD Re-Opening Committee will be meeting again on **Friday, June 19th from 1:00-3:00pm (please note the ending time change)** with our Advocacy Partners to continue the conversation regarding the re-opening of services for DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, Medically Fragile Waiver, and State General Fund services.
3. Attached is a resource guide titled: *COVID-19: New Mexico Disability, Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) Resource Guide: ALL TOGETHER DISABILITY NEW MEXICO.*
4. Attached is a Health and Human Services CARES Act update dated June 12, 2020.
5. Attached is a memo from the Bureau of Behavioral Support issuing guidance on how to inform teams and individuals in services about preparation for changes in a person's living environment when they return home after a nursing home stay during COVID-19. If you have questions regarding this guidance, please contact Cheryl Frazine, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Behavioral Support at cheryl.frazine@state.nm.us

6. Attached is a memo from the Clinical Services Bureau issuing guidance on discharge planning from a hospital for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) with a Non-COVID-19 diagnosis. If you have questions regarding this guidance, please contact Betsy Finley, Bureau Chief for the Clinical Services Bureau at elizabeth.finley@state.nm.us
7. **Ordering Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** All Agencies including Case Management, Therapy, and Behavior Support Consultation agencies can order Personal Protective Equipment directly from the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Management. To order directly from Homeland Security-Office of Emergency Management, agencies must complete the Resource Request form (Form 213) and then submit the form directly to the County Emergency Manager via email. Attached is a blank Resource Request 213 form as well as a completed 213 form to use as an example. The example form has yellow highlighted areas within the form, the yellow highlighted areas are the only sections that must be completed. Also, attached to this memo, is a list of the statewide County Emergency Managers with their contact information.
8. **DDSD Stay At Home Orders:** To be very clear, until further notice, all individuals receiving services administered through DDSD remain under the Stay At Home Order which includes not allowing visitation in or out of the home. Provider agencies should inform guardians and family members of this continued order. If the no visitation orders are not adhered to and a family member or guardian decide to pick up or remove an individual from services the individual will need to remain living with the family member or guardian until such time that the Stay At Home Orders are lifted. There are no exceptions to this rule as per the Department of Health Secretary. This directive regarding visitation supersedes all other previous visitation directives issued by DDSD.
9. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/>
10. Should I be Tested? <https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/>
11. Test Portal: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>
12. HSD Portal Page: <https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/covid.htm>
13. New Mexico Crisis Line 855-NMCRISIS **1-855-662-7474**.
14. 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.