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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #23

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, Medically Fragile Waiver, and SGF services through July 1st, 2020:

	Total Number of Individuals tested	Total Number of Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19	COVID 19 Related Deaths
DD Waiver	358	18	6
Mi Via Waiver	1	1	0
State General Fund	4	0	0
Medically Fragile Waiver	11	0	0
Totals	374	19	6

2. **DDSD Re-Opening Committee:** Reminder: The DDSD Re-Opening Committee will be hosting its fourth meeting with Advocacy Partners on Friday, **July 17th, from 1:00-3:00pm** to continue our conversation regarding the re-opening of services for DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, Medically Fragile Waiver, and State General Fund services.
3. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and Department of Health Secretary Kathy Kunkel, announced that New Mexico's Emergency Public Health Order, set to expire on June 30th, 2020, has been extended through July 15th, 2020. Attached are copies of the Public Health Order dated June 30th, 2020; Executive Order 2020-053, and Executive Order 2020-054.
4. DDSD has received multiple questions asking if Customized Community Supports services can continue to be provided in the home beyond June 30th, 2020. The answer to this question is Yes, Customized Community Supports can be provided in the home beyond June 30th, 2020. To be specific, DDSD received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services via the Appendix K amendment, authorizing Customized Community Supports to be provided in the home until January 26, 2021. This authorization remains effective until such time that the Public Health Emergency (COVID-19 pandemic) is lifted or until the January 2021 expiration date. DDSD

recommends that an IDT meeting is held to discuss the individual's services that need to continue to be provided in the home.

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 Crisis Line 855-NMCRISIS **1-855-662-7474**.
10. 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.