Date: 7/23/2020

DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #26

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 services to our Stakeholders:

1. **DDSD COVID-19 testing for individuals receiving DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, Medically Fragile Waiver, and State General Fund services through July 22nd, 2020:**

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Total Number of Individuals Tested</th>
<th>Total Number of Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19</th>
<th>COVID 19 Related Deaths</th>
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<td>Medically Fragile Waiver</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td><strong>491</strong></td>
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2. **DDSD Re-Opening Committee:** The DDSD Re-Opening Committee will be hosting its fifth meeting with Advocacy Partners on Friday, **July 31st, 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. Recordings of the meetings can be found at DDSD’s COVID-19 page using the following link [https://www.nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/](https://www.nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/).

3. Attached is the amended Public Health Order signed by Department of Health Secretary, Kathy Kunkel. The Public Health Order is effective July 13, 2020 and remains in effect through July 30, 2020.

4. Attached is guidance from DDSD’s Bureau of Behavioral Support regarding mask wearing. If you have questions regarding this guidance please contact Heather Clark, Statewide Clinical Director at [heather.clark@state.nm.us](mailto:heather.clark@state.nm.us)

5. Attached is guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services extending the timeline for compliance with the Final Rule. CMS has extended the deadline to March 17th, 2023.
6. Resource Website:  https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/
7. Should I be Tested?  https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/
8. Test Portal:  https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/
11. 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.