

The New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Developmental Disabilities

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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
(COVID-19)
UPDATE FOR FAMILIES AND
PROVIDERS

May 28, 2020



THANK YOU!

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A special **THANK YOU** to our
HEROES in this trying time!

- Direct Support Professionals-
- Self-Directed Employees-
- Support Coordinators-
- Individuals/Families-
- Providers-



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Today's Webinar Will Provide Information on...

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- State and DDD-Specific COVID-19 Statistics
- Day and Residential Providers
- Community Outings
- Universal Masking
- Re-Opening Workgroup
- June Webinar Schedule
- Resources



New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

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State of New Jersey	
Positive	156,628
Deaths	11,339

**This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2020.*

For regular updates: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics*

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	Community		Developmental Centers	Total
	Licensed	Other		
Positive	526	227	415	1,168
Deaths	46	59	30	135

**DDD specific statistics are updated every Monday. Information is based on incident reporting data entered at time of publication.*

Community data includes settings such as group homes, supervised apartments, own home settings, nursing facilities, etc. Full detail available at <https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html>.

Day and Residential Providers

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- Residential support remains unchanged.
 - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-residential-funding.pdf
- Day retainer payments extended through June 12, 2020.
 - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-day-funding.pdf

Community Outings

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- As per March 16, 2020 Guidance
 - Residential providers may continue to plan home and community activities for individuals living together.
 - Activities should be tailored to the interests of the residents and based on their health & safety needs.
 - These activities must be consistent with the advice of public health authorities to avoid large gatherings or areas where groups of people congregate.
 - <https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/documents/DDD-COVID19-FAQ-2020-03-16.pdf>

Universal Masking

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- While the curve is flattening, it is not flat.
- We must remain vigilant.
- April 14, 2020 guidance remains in effect.
- All staff should continue to wear a facemask when working.
- <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-universal-masking-policy.pdf>

Re-Opening Workgroup

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- DHS/DDD convening a workgroup to discuss re-opening of congregate day programs and other areas.
- Charge is to develop recommendations and guidelines that can be used by individuals, families and agencies to inform re-opening.

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- Recommendations/Guidelines for:
 - The Now – Day programs remain closed for the moment.
 - ✦ What guidance can be provided to ensure meaningful engagement in day activities provided in a home setting (own home or other)?

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- Recommendations/Guidelines for:
 - Pre-Opening – How can families and agencies prepare for the re-opening of congregate day services?
 - ✦ For families, what are some things to consider when deciding on return?
 - ✦ For agencies, what needs to be done to ascertain demand and prepare for screening, social distancing, transportation, etc.?

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- Recommendations/Guidelines for:
 - Soft Opening – How to operationalize the work done for pre-opening?
 - ✦ Implementation of screening.
 - ✦ What do to if someone presents with symptoms at program?
 - ✦ What to do if someone tests positive?

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- Recommendations/Guidelines for:
 - Ramp up and moving to full capacity – While when this will happen is unclear, what are the milestones to determine when additional individuals can be served?

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- Recommendations/Guidelines for:
 - If there is a return of the virus, what adjustments can be made?
 - ✦ What can be done to ramp down attendance if there are hot-spots?
 - ✦ Alternate communication strategies.
 - ✦ What are the lessons learned from the closure process and experience?

June Webinar Schedule

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- Weekly webinar schedule for June will move to every other week.
 - Thursday, June 11, 2020.
 - Thursday, June 25, 2020.
- Will schedule additional webinars as needed.
- No need to register again.

Important Resources

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- NJ Department of Health:
nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-222-1222
- NJ Department of Human Services COVID-19 Information:
nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html
- Contact Information for local health departments in NJ:
localhealth.nj.gov
- Contact Information for County OEM Coordinators in NJ:
ready.nj.gov/about-us/county-coordinators.shtml



Important Resources

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- For assistance during this time:
 - For vital issues, call the Division Community Services office for your county or 1.800.832.9173.
 - When calling, you will be connected with the Division's answering service who will take information about the circumstance and have a Division staff person reach out.
 - For routine questions: DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov.
 - For COVID-19 questions: DDD.COVID-19@dhs.nj.gov.
 - To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation: call 1.800.832.9173, then press 1.



Highlighted Resources

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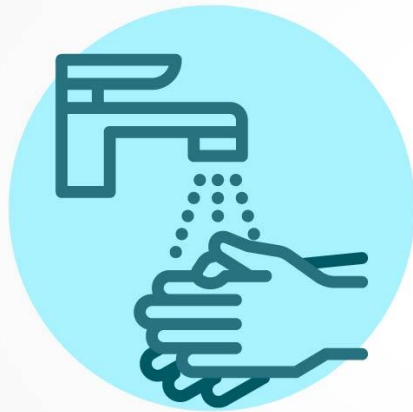
- For parents and families
 - Mom-2-Mom Helpline: mom2mom.us.com/ or 877.914-6662
- For individuals and caregivers
 - Boggs Center COVID-19 Information and Resources: rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html
- For Direct Support Professionals
 - National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) COVID-19 Toolkit for DSPs: nadsp.org/covid-19resources/

And Remember...

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FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO **STAY HEALTHY**

**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**COVER YOUR
COUGH**



**STAY HOME
WHEN SICK**



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