The New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Developmental Disabilities

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

May 28, 2020
THANK YOU!

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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7 days per week, 8am - 8pm

New Jersey MentalHealthCares
New Jersey’s Behavioral Health and Referral Service
Today’s Webinar Will Provide Information on...

- 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*

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

For regular updates: [https://covid19.nj.gov/](https://covid19.nj.gov/)

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**DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics***

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<td>Positive</td>
<td>526</td>
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<td>46</td>
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*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](https://nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html).
Day and Residential Providers

- Residential support remains unchanged.
- Day retainer payments extended through June 12, 2020.
Community Outings

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.

Universal Masking

- 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.

Re-Opening Workgroup

- 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.
Re-Opening Workgroup

1. 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)?
Re-Opening Workgroup

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.?
Re-Opening Workgroup

- 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?
Re-Opening Workgroup

• 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?
Re-Opening Workgroup

- 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

- Weekly webinar schedule for June will move to every other week.
- Will schedule additional webinars as needed.
- No need to register again.
Important Resources

- NJ Department of Health: [nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml](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](nj.gov/humanservices/coronavirus.html)

- Contact Information for local health departments in NJ: [localhealth.nj.gov](localhealth.nj.gov)

- Contact Information for County OEM Coordinators in NJ: [ready.nj.gov/about-us-county-coordinators.shtml](ready.nj.gov/about-us-county-coordinators.shtml)
Important Resources

- 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

- 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/boggscen/html/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...

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO **STAY HEALTHY**

- **WASH** YOUR HANDS
- **COVER** YOUR COUGH
- **STAY HOME** WHEN SICK

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