The New Jersey Department of Human Services
Division of Developmental Disabilities

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

June 11, 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-
NJMentalHealthCares

If you’re concerned about your mental health or the mental health of someone you love, NJMentalHealthCares can help. The free helpline offers telephone counseling, emotional support, information and assistance.

866-202-HELP (4357)
7 days per week, 8am - 8pm
Today’s Webinar Will Provide Information on...

- State and DDD-Specific COVID-19 Statistics
- Day and Residential Providers
- FEMA Reimbursement
- Federal Provider Relief Fund
- Stage 2 Update
- Re-Opening Workgroup
- COVID-19 Testing
- Communication
- Resources
New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

*This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

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

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**DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics***

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

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*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 and Residential Providers

- Congregate DDD Day Programs remain closed.
- Some **Non**-DDD Day Programs are Re-opening.
  - As when DDD Day Programs re-open, a person-centered approach should be used.
  - Planning team, including guardian, should meet to discuss, with a focus on health and safety.
FEMA Reimbursement

- Category B – Emergency Protective Measures.
- Some not-for-profits may be eligible for 75% reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs.
  - [https://njemgrants.org/site/COVID-19%20PA%20Info.cfm](https://njemgrants.org/site/COVID-19%20PA%20Info.cfm).
- Review DR 4488 Public Assistance Applicant Briefing and other pertinent documents.
FEMA Reimbursement

- Must have receipts and meet eligibility criteria.
- Minimum amount is $3,300.
- Apply directly with NJ Emergency Management.
- Complete a Request for Public Assistance application at https://njemgrants.org/.
- There is no current deadline.
# FEMA Reimbursement

**Public Assistance Training Webinars**

**June 8-12, 2020**

**Grants Portal Applicant Basics [Applicant Basics]**
- Register and set up a new Grants Portal account
- Submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
- Upload documents and create tiles

**COVID-19 Application Overview [COVID-19]**
- COVID-19 process flow
- Streamlined Project Application in Grants Portal
- COVID-19 documentation and forms

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FEMA Reimbursement

- Webinar specifically for DHS vendors:
  - Friday, June 19, 2020
    - 11 AM and 4 PM
- No pre-registration is required. Use this link to join the webinar at 11 AM and/or 4 PM: https://share.dhs.gov/fema-public-assistance-orientation/
Federal Provider Relief Fund

- On June 9, the federal Department of Health and Human Services released information on the Provider Relief Fund.
  - https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDI/CAID/bulletins/28fd559
- Assists Medicaid providers impacted by COVID-19.
- Providers are urged to review and apply, if eligible.

!! - Time sensitive - !!
Stage 2 Update

- Entering Stage 2 of Restart and Recovery
  - State of Emergency is still in place.
  - Clinically high-risk individuals who can stay at home should continue to do so.
  - Masking and Social Distancing still in place.

- Visitation
  - Update to visitation for provider-managed settings is in review, will identify incremental adjustments.
  - Will release after Re-Opening Workgroup reviews.
  - Masking and Social Distancing will remain in place.
DHS/DDD has convened a workgroup to discuss re-opening of congregate day programs and other areas.

- First meeting was June 4, 2020.

- Charge is to develop recommendations and guidelines that can be used by individuals, families and agencies to inform re-opening.
Re-Opening Workgroup

- 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

1. Recommendations/Guidelines for:
   1. 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?
Re-Opening Workgroup Membership

- Five Service Providers
  - Laura Williams - Arc of Ocean County
    - Day Services – Facility based and Community Day Hab; Supported Employment; In-home services; Residential Services; Support Coordination.
  - Svetlana Repic-Qira - Community Options
    - Day Services – Facility based and Community Based Day Hab; Employment services; In-home services; Residential Services.
    - Medically fragile day programs.
Re-Opening Workgroup Membership

- Joanna Miller - Department for Persons with Disabilities
  - Day Services – Facility based; Residential Services; Support Coordination.

- David Mock - PrimeTime Centers
  - Day Only Provider – Facility based and Community Based Day Hab; Pre-Vocational Services.

- Reggie Neal - United Cerebral Palsy Hudson County
  - Day Only Provider – Facility Based; Special Needs; Aftercare Respite; In-home respite.
Re-Opening Workgroup Membership

- Five Advocates
  - Margaret Gilbride - The Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities
    - New Jersey’s federally designated University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service.
    - Provides community training and technical assistance in transition to adult life, employment and community living.
  - Eileen Hurley – Family member; Chair of DDD Family Advisory Council; Chair of Regional Family Support Planning Councils.
Mercedes Witowsky – NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities

- Federally designated agency empowering individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.
- Supports People First and Regional Family Support Planning Councils; Advocates; Collaborates; Educates.

Carolyn Hayer - Family member; DDD Family Advisory Council member; State Rehabilitation Council member; SPAN - NJ’s federally funded parent training & information center; Boards of DRNJ & The Arc of NJ.

Renee Pierce - Self-Advocate

- Receives services from an impacted agency.
COVID-19 Testing

- Testing continues to be available.
- Residents and staff of congregate settings like group homes should get tested.
- Research local options before going for a test.
- Standing Order remains in place.
  - [https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/05-12-2020_StandingOrder_COVID19testing.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/05-12-2020_StandingOrder_COVID19testing.pdf).
COVID-19 Testing

- **Rite Aid**
  - Review requirements and schedule a test at https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing.

- **CVS**
  - Review requirements and schedule a test at https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing
COVID-19 Testing

Additional Testing Sites:

- There are multiple testing sites across NJ and new sites have been added.
- Some have residency and appointment scheduling requirements.
- Website can be found at https://covid19.nj.gov/testing.
Communication

• Agency Communication
  o Providers should be communicating with the families of their residents. Examples include:
    ▪ General updates;
    ▪ What outings are scheduled?
    ▪ What the plan would be if someone tests positive for COVID-19?
    ▪ Isolation space.
Important Resources

- 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

• For assistance during this time:
  o For vital issues, call the Division Community Services office for your county or 1.800.832.9173.
  o 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.
  o For routine questions: DDD.FeeForService@dhs.nj.gov.
  o For COVID-19 questions: DDD.COVID-19@dhs.nj.gov.
  o 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/boggscencenter/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...

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO **STAY HEALTHY**

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

#PREVENTCORONAVIRUS