

The New Jersey Department of Human Services **Division of Developmental Disabilities**

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

June 25, 2020



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A special **THANK YOU** to our
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- 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
- COVID-19 Update Webinar Schedule
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- Re-Opening Workgroup
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New Jersey COVID-19 Current Statistics*

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State of New Jersey	
Positive	169,892
Deaths	12,995

**This update is as of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2020.*

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

DDD Specific COVID-19 Statistics*

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	Community		Developmental Centers	Total
	Licensed	Other		
Positive	617	270	418	1,305
Deaths	54	86	32	172

**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>.



COVID-19 Update Webinar Schedule

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- COVID-19 bi-weekly update webinars will continue in July:
 - July 9 at 10:30am
 - July 23 at 10:30am
- **NEW** registration link (registration for the April-June update webinars *will not carry over*. You must re-register for July):
 - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3269497189049913611>



Day and Residential Providers

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- A reminder for ALL providers:
 - Submit claims for services rendered on or before June 30, 2020 by that date, if at all possible.
 - This allows the State to claim additional federal match during the emergency period.

Day and Residential Providers

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- Information related to continued residential and day support will be released as soon as possible.
- Current guidance can be found at:
 - www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-residential-funding.pdf
 - <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-temporary-day-funding.pdf>

Re-Opening Workgroup

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- While there still is no timeframe for the re-opening of day programs, the Division has organized a Re-Opening Workgroup.
- The group is comprised of family members, a self-advocate, day service providers, The Boggs Center and the NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- The group has been meeting diligently.

Re-Opening Workgroup

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- The group has reviewed information from various areas including, but not limited to:
 - The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention;
 - Guidance from other New Jersey State agencies (Department of Health, Department of Children and Families, etc.);
 - Guidance from other states related to their re-opening strategies.

Re-Opening Workgroup

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- Some of the priority areas:
 - Guidance on an Individual Assessment to assist families and providers in planning for an individual's return.
 - Guidance that will provide recommendations for items to address in order to reopen safely.
 - Guidance on a Site Assessment for providers to ensure their facilities are set up appropriately.

Visitation – Group Homes

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- On Thursday, June 18, the Division released Residential Visitation Guidance and an updated Residential Screening Policy.
- This is the first step toward visits with families and friends. Updates will occur as more information is learned about COVID-19 as the state re-opens.

Visitation – Group Homes

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- Required aspects of the visits:
 - Screening for signs and symptoms.
 - Social Distancing.
 - ✦ It is recognized that some residents may have difficulty. Therefore, any contact should be brief.
 - Wearing Personal Protective Equipment.
 - ✦ Residents are encouraged to wear masks, but it is understood that some may not tolerate a mask or it may not be medically advisable for them to wear.
 - ✦ Visitors must wear PPE as directed.

Visitation – Group Homes

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- The policy will be updated based on new information being learned about the virus.
 - Residential Screening Policy:
 - ✦ <https://nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/COVID19-residential-screening-policy.pdf>
 - Residential Visitation Guidance:
 - ✦ <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/documents/covid19-residential-visitation-guidance.pdf>

Visitation – Developmental Centers

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- On June 19, the Department of Health released Executive Directive 20-017 – Standards and Protocols for Visitors and Facility Staff.
- This permitted outdoor visitation at long term care facilities.
 - https://www.nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/6-19-20_ExecutiveDirectiveNo20-017_StandardsProtocolsVisitorsFacilityStaff.pdf

Visitation – Developmental Centers

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- All five of the Division's Developmental Centers are following this guidance.
- Visits resumed June 21, Fathers Day.
- Similar to the guidance for group homes, visits are to be outdoors, are required to be socially distanced, and participants are to wear appropriate PPE.

PPE Distribution Update

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- The Division is pleased to relay that it is providing a second round of PPE to the approximately 1,200 families who utilize SDEs that reside outside of their household.
- Contactless delivery of PPE began last week.
- We would like to thank our partners and state staff who have assisted/are assisting in deliveries.

PPE Distribution Update

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- One box of gloves and one box of masks allocated per household.
- Total amount of PPE to be distributed in this round:
 - Nearly 60,000 pairs of gloves; and
 - Nearly 60,000 masks.

SDE Service Documentation

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- ✦ **Reminder:** All self-directed employees (SDEs) are required to maintain service documentation notes for services delivered, including family members hired as SDEs.
- ✦ PPL and the Division will operationalize electronic and paper timesheet service documentation process this summer. Information and webinar training will be announced in July.
- ✦ The new fee-for-service Agency with Choice SDE model through Easterseals includes service documentation process.



Face Mask Resources from The Boggs Center

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Boggs Center COVID-19 Resource Webpage

<http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html>

Helping Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Become Comfortable with Face Masks - Provides strategies supporters can use to help adults with I/DD become more comfortable with face masks.



Wearing a Face Mask: A COVID-19 Social Story for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Can be used to help people with I/DD understand why face masks are important for themselves and others to wear.

COVID-19 Testing

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- Testing continues to be available.
- Residents and staff of congregate settings, like group homes, are encouraged to be 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%20StandingOrder%20COVID19testing.pdf)

COVID-19 Testing

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- 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

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- 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>.

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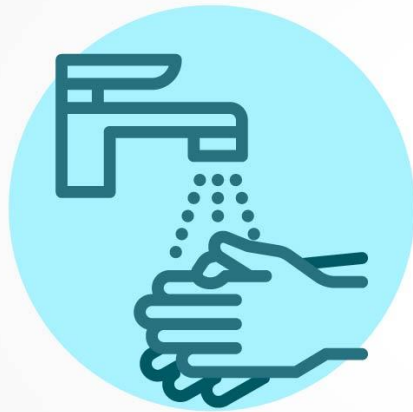
- For parents and families
 - Mom-2-Mom Helpline: mom2mom.us.com/ or 877.914-6662
- For individuals and caregivers
 - Boggs Center COVID-19 Information and Resources: rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter/links/COVID-19Resources.html
- For Direct Support Professionals
 - National Alliance for Direct Support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

And Remember...

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HANDS



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