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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #18



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, and Medically Fragile Waiver and Stakeholders:

1. DDSD COVID-19 testing for individuals receiving DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, and SGF services through May 27th, 2020:

	Total Tests	Positive Tests	COVID 19 Related Deaths
DD Waiver	204	13	4
Mi Via Waiver	1	1	0
State General Fund	4	0	0
Totals	209	14	4

2. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and Department of Health Secretary Kathy Kunkel announced that New Mexico's Emergency Public Health Order has been extended through May 31st, 2020. Attached is the amended Public Health Emergency Order signed by NMDOH Secretary Kunkel dated May 27th, 2020.
3. DDSD is issuing guidance for DD Waiver Community Integrated Employment services. A telephonic conversation that includes the individual, the guardian and the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), as applicable, led by the Case Manager should fully explore pros, cons and potential risks associated with the return to work for the individual. This should include discussions about how to assist the working individual to comply with the current public health orders and applicable COVID Safe Practices at work and once returning home. The conversation on pros, cons and potential risks should be documented in IDT minutes and used to justify the informed choice related to employment. For additional details, please refer to the attached document titled "Safe at Work Guidance DDW Community Integrated Employment." If you have questions regarding Community Integrated Employment please contact Casey Stone-Romero, DDSD Community Inclusion Manager at casey.stone-romero@state.nm.us or Casilda Gallegos, DDSD Supported Employment Lead at casilda.gallegos@state.nm.us
4. The DDSD Training Unit will be maintaining the decision for no face to face training until further notice, based on the Governor's orders (please refer to the General Guidance for Frequently Asked Training Questions (FATQ) dated March 25, 2020 and the updated Guidance for DDW

Trainings dated April 9, 2020). If you have questions regarding this decision please contact Teresa Tomashot, Statewide Training Manager at teresa.tomashot@state.nm.us

- All DDS core courses will be available through Live Streaming in the month of June. This includes Direct Support Professionals, Direct Support Supervisors, Case Managers, Service Coordinators, and DDS staff. To register; please go to the following site: <https://ddsctrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx>
- DDS also has multiple recorded courses available at <http://cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/dds-courses/index.html>

5. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/dds/DIR/ddcv/>
6. Should I be Tested? <https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/>
7. Test Portal: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>
8. HSD Portal Page: <https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/covid.htm>
9. New Mexico Crisis Line 855-NMCRISIS **1-855-662-7474**.
10. 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.