UPDATED ADULT DAY AND TRANSPORTATION GUIDANCE

On 07/14/2020, DODD issued updated guidance on health and safety measures that will be required in order for people served to return to in-person, facility-based adult day services (ADS) during the COVID-19 response period as well as an updated transportation best practice guide. The guidance outlines safety requirements for providers, mandatory practices for clients' arrival and departure, environmental sanitation requirements, and mandatory practices for confirmed cases of COVID-19.

In keeping with previous guidance from DODD released in May, the Updated ADS Guidance requires ADS to be offered in groups of 10 people or less (including staff). Face coverings are still required for DSPs, and daily symptom checks are still required for program participants. As before, each group must have designated staff and practice social distancing. Providers will still be required to complete the provider assurance process and conduct virtual tours with DODD before facilities can reopen.

However, Providers may now stagger arrival/departure and restroom use times if separate entrances/exits and restrooms are not available. Entrances and restrooms must be sanitized between groups.

In regards to transportation, DODD released the COVID-19 Guidance for Ohio Public Transit and Human Service Transportation Agencies as released by the Ohio Public Transit Association. This guidance provides recommendations for the following four distinct areas of concern:

1. Vehicle Operators
2. Passengers
3. Vehicle Sanitization/Procedures
4. Facilities Sanitization/Procedures

Governor Mike DeWine’s mask mandate for counties at a Level 3 spread risk is still in place. The counties surrounding Warren that are currently at a Level 3 as of 07/15/2020 are Clermont, Hamilton, Butler, and Montgomery. You can find up to date information regarding the Ohio Public Health Advisory System HERE.

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