Adult Day Closures – 03/24/20

On Saturday, Governor Mike DeWine announced the timeline and details of the mandatory closure of Ohio’s adult day services (ADS) centers. ADS sites at which more than 10 people (including support staff) are present must cease operation by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24.

Sites with fewer than 10 people will be permitted to remain open until otherwise directed. Staff who are necessary to deliver care must be screened for COVID-19 each time they enter the facility. Per the public health order, screening should include questions about exposure to COVID-19 and assessing necessary staff for cough, shortness of breath, and temperatures higher than 100.4 degrees.

The public health order covers adult day services delivered in waiver settings as well as intermediate care facilities (ICFs). Residential services are not impacted by this order. Rules requiring day services and vocational habilitation to be provided in community or work settings have been temporarily relaxed.

To help providers and county boards with the implementation of this order, DODD has prepared two documents: general guidance and a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document that addresses common concerns from people with developmental disabilities and their families, family members of people living in residential waiver settings, and ADS and HPC providers.

Read DODD’s Implementation Guidance
Read the ADS Closure FAQ
Guidance: Day Service Group Size Reduction and Alternative Location Planning

Stay at Home Order

The Director of the Ohio Department of Health has issued the following: Stay At Home Order

This "stay-at-home" order mandated the statewide closure of all non-essential businesses and the suspension of all non-essential travel until Monday, April 6, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Please note that supports to Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities and the operations of our Human Services Organizations are considered Essential. If you work in the system and/or need to obtain services for your loved one, please refer to this order.

It must be stressed that no special travel documentation is being required by the state, and it is unlikely that employees moving about the community will be stopped by law enforcement. If, however, as an employer you would like to provide a letter for your Direct Support Professionals, you may use this template as provided by OPRA or this template as provided by WCBDD and customize for your needs.

Speaking to Individuals with DD about COVID-19

This was provided by Ohio Self Determination Association by the Ohio DD Council, but was created by the Green Mountain Self Advocates at the request of Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont DD Council. This document is also available in Spanish.
Residential Shortages and Provider Needs

We know that you might find you/your agency in a position where you may not have DSPs to provide the support an individual(s) requires for their health and welfare. We ask that you let us know so that we can work together in these situations to find solutions.

If you are a residential provider who needs to request a revision for multiple individuals due to an ADA closure(s), you may email melissa.thompson@warrencountydd.org with all of the individuals requiring revisions and she will get in touch with the appropriate Service Coordinators for you.

If you are a Provider in need of staffing assistance or if you have staff who are able to provide assistance, please email providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org.

If you are in need of Personal Protective Equipment, please contact melissa.stall@warrencountydd.org with what is needed and how many of each item is needed. Warren County Board of DD will try to help with providing some supplies and will offer assistance with where to find needed items as well.

Warren County Board of DD will be holding bi-weekly conference calls on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 10am. A reminder with the call in number, meeting ID, and Password will be sent out every Monday and Wednesday via email. If you do not receive the email, and would like to participate in the call, please contact providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org prior to the scheduled call time and the information will be sent to you.

Background Check Assistance

Warren County Board of DD will still be completing Background Checks for those in need. Please do not just show up to the offices however, as there may be no one present who is able to provide the check. If you or one of your staff/prospective staff need to have a background check completed, please contact William.Caplinger@warrencountydd.org to schedule an appointment. The cost to have the background check completed is $27 for just the Ohio check and $51 if an FBI check is also being ran. Warren County Board of DD is only accepting cash payment at time of service at this time.

Some Important Recent DODD Guidance

Guidance: COVID-19 Prevention for Waiver Providers of Multiple Residents in a Single Home
Guidance: COVID-19 Prevention for Individual and Family Home Waiver Settings
Frequently Asked Questions about Stay-at-Home Order (from the Ohio Department of Health)
Entry Screening Process for Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission

For all DODD Guidance, please visit this web page

Information and Resources

In order to ensure that you receive useful information and resources from DODD, please update your information in Constant Contact via this form. Your updated information will ensure that the department can effectively communicate to the people which the agency supports.

DODD support teams are available to help county boards and providers.

Staying connected is also important at a time like this. You can stay connected with the department and other families on our social media channels and through the Facebook Family Forum.

For specific questions about COVID-19 and additional information and resources, DODD urges you to use the Ohio Department of Health’s call center. Call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634), or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.