Rescinded Guidance: Non-Medical Transportation: DODD has currently removes/rescinded all guidance regarding transportation. The state of Ohio is currently developing guidance for ALL transportation sectors (which will include NMT transportation services) but it has not yet been released. Until that guidance is released, DODD encourages providers to follow the guidance provided by The Ohio Department of Health, their local health department, and The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) related to the Transit Operators and people using transportation services. Some of the general recommendations for all types of transportation are as follows:

- Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
  - Before you leave and once you reach your destination, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
  - Throw used tissues in the trash and wash your hands immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Practice social distancing.
  - During travel, try to keep at least 6 feet (2 meters) from people who are not in your household — for example, when you are waiting at a bus station or selecting seats on a train.
- Wear cloth face coverings.
  - Wear a cloth face covering when physical distancing is difficult.
    - Note: Cloth face coverings should not be placed on:
      - Babies and children younger than 2 years old
      - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
      - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance

Guidance: Medication Administration: On March 18, 2020, guidance was issued to allow personnel to continue to administer medications and pursue renewal of their Medication Administration Certifications beyond the expiration date. This allowed for personnel with expired certification to administer medications for up to 180 days past expiration until August 1, 2020. The June 8, 2020, guidance came out to remind all personnel, providers, and RN Trainers; that this rule relief expires on August 1, 2020, for all certifications (Category 1, 2, and 3). Further details can be found within the guidance on the DODD website.

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Guidance: Waiver Visitation: When people with developmental disabilities express an interest in resuming social visits in their homes, their support teams and roommates should have conversations about the appropriateness of visits at this time. Teams and roommates
need to determine when and how to safely and responsibly plan for visits inside and outside of the home.

**Guidance: ICF Visitation:** The Ohio Department of Health’s (ODH) suspension of visitation inside all long-term care facilities remains in effect except for end of life care. However, at the discretion of each provider, planning for **outdoor only** visits may be an option. This approach assumes people’s visitation plans include the usual COVID-19 precautions, face coverings, social distancing, vigilant handwashing, surface cleansing, etc. Each facility can determine how best to implement outdoor visitations for its residents in a way that works best for them. There are specific directives indicated in the guidance for each facility to take into account.

**Guidance: Day Camps and Residential Camps:** On June 4, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the reopening of some facilities, including day camps and residential camps. Day and residential camps are allowed to operate under guidelines established in Ohio Department of Health Orders. Responsible RestartOhio resources are available to explain mandatory and recommended best practices.

**Understanding the Role of the Guardian and Consent:**
This new training offered by DODD defines guardianship, explains what it means to provide consent, and shows how providers can support the people they serve or their guardians when providing consent. It is now available on DODD MyLearning and one Continuing Professional Development (CPD) unit is available.

**Updated Guidance for Onboarding DSPs:**
Previous guidance issued by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19), from March 31 allowed for the relaxation of many requirements regarding the onboarding and training of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) through June 1. These accommodations will continue to be in place until further notice.

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If you need staff or have staff in need of work, please reach out to our Provider Development Coordinators at providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org

Please visit our COVID-19 resource page at https://warrencountydd.org/covid-19-wcbdd-resources-and-support