COVID-19 Communications to Regional Centers
Rev. 6/8/20

1. Directive: Requirements waived (March 12, 2020)
   o Early Start In-Person Meetings
   o Early Start Remote Services
   o Lanterman Act In-Person Meetings
   o Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions

   o Payment for absences for nonresidential services

3. Directive: Day services for high risk consumers in ARFPSHNs, ICF/DD-N and ICF/DD-CN (March 12, 2020)
   o Stay home rather than attend day services
   o References State of Emergency letter on payment for nonresidential services

   o Included directive regarding required visits by RCs

5. Directive: Requirements waived and additional guidance (March 18, 2020)
   o Lanterman Act Remote Services or Alternate Locations
   o Supplemental Staffing for Residential Providers
   o Day Program Services
   o Public Meetings
   o WIC §4731 Complaints
   o DDS Audits and Reviews
   o HCBS Self Assessments
   o Direct Support Professional Training
   o FAQs

6. Guidance: Process for transferring CDSS fingerprint clearance and exemptions from one licensed facility to another (March 20, 2020)

7. Directive: Requesting DDS approval for any placement in a CDSS or CDPH licensed residential setting (March 20, 2020)


9. Directive: Limiting visits to any licensed residential facility to medical personnel and government agencies including DDS and RCs (March 23, 2020)


    o Lanterman Act eligibility determinations, remote intake/assessments, etc.
    o CPR and first aid training for in-home respite workers
    o Annual Family Program Fee/Family Cost Participation Program requirements


14. Directive: Extension of previous directives/waivers an additional 30 days beyond the initial expiration dates (April 2, 2020)


   - Residential Facility Payments
   - Health & Safety Waiver Exemptions for Alternative Residential Model Homes
   - Vendor Fiscal Audits
   - Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule Compliance Information
   - EBSH/CCH Registered Behavior Technician Certification
   - Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Payments
   - Parental Fees

18. Guidance: Training resources available on DDS’ website for residential service providers hiring direct support professionals (April 16, 2020)


20. Email: Reporting COVID-19 Health and Safety Waiver Exemptions (April 17, 2020)


22. Letter: Regional center messaging to local communities during COVID-19 outbreak (May 1, 2020)

23. Guidance: Additional guidance on payments for nonresidential services and claiming for absences (May 7, 2020)

24. Directive: Extension of previous directives/waivers an additional 30 days beyond the current expiration dates (May 8, 2020)

25. Directive: Extension of previous directives/waivers an additional 30 days beyond the current expiration dates (May 18, 2020)


27. Guidance: For fingerprint clearance and transfers (May 22, 2020)

28. Directive: Extension of previous directives/waivers an additional 30 days beyond the current expiration dates (June 8, 2020)

More information can be found here: https://www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/