



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. HOME DELIVERED MEALS: ([CLICK HERE](#))

Home Delivered Meals are now available to individuals enrolled in the ID/RD and CS Waivers who have been displaced from Adult Day Health Care. Information on limits and how to access the service are at the above link.

II. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING MODIFICATION

As testing options for COVID-19 become more widely available, DDSN providers may have may more staff who are tested. DDSN will **NOT** require a Critical Incident Report for persons who are tested in the community at publicly available testing sites, ***unless the staff member is positive and there is reason to believe other residents and/or other staff may have been exposed. Providers should wait until test results are received and only report those that are positive, using the notification date as the date of discovery.*** This change in reporting procedures for COVID-19 will be effective June 1, 2020.

Please continue to report Critical Incidents for residents that are tested with symptoms present for COVID-19 and those who are tested due to possible exposure. It is not necessary to report testing for residents that is required prior to an outpatient procedure or other medical appointment, with no suspicion of symptoms/exposure.

If you have any questions, please contact Quality Management at qualitymanagement@ddsn.sc.gov

III. DAY PROGRAM REOPENING GUIDANCE: ([CLICK HERE](#))

DDSN and a subgroup of agencies providing facility based day services convened to recommend guidance for reopening day programs and considerations for maintaining continuity of operations. The guidance and links to resources should assist agencies with planning to reopen, refine practices, and protocols to maintain health and safety.

IV. FEMA HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE: ([CLICK HERE](#))

In preparing for the 2020 hurricane season, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published *COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season* to serve as guidance to assist agencies prepare for response and recovery operations. In addition, the guidance addresses personal preparedness measures to consider amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While this document focuses on hurricane season preparedness, most planning considerations can also be applied

to any disaster operation in the COVID-19 environment, including no-notice incidents, spring flooding and wildfire seasons, and typhoon response.

V. PERSON CENTERED THINKING TRAINING AND THE ePERSON CENTERED DESCRIPTION FORM:

On May 11, 2020, Health Risk Screening, Inc. (HRS, Inc.) provided an information session (webinar) about products that would soon be available to DDSN's network of providers. Those products include a Learning Management System (LMS) through which online, self-paced training courses (eLearn), including a Person Centered Thinking (PCT) course, will be delivered, and an electronic (versus paper) Person Centered Description (ePCD). At the time of the webinar on May 11, it was anticipated that these products would be available on June 1, 2020. Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of HRS, Inc., these products will **not** be available on June 1, 2020. Instead, DDSN and HRS, Inc. anticipate that the products will be available on **July 1, 2020**.

While the product availability date has changed, providers may proceed with initial the "Next Steps" discussed during the webinar and outlined Protocol which are:

- Designate two (2) LMS Admins for your agency.
- Complete and return the spreadsheet to HRS naming the LMS Admins.

Case Managers are expected to complete the two (2) day live course before leading the development of a Person Centered Description. DDSN is aware that additional two (2) day live training courses are needed and will work to schedule those as soon as possible. When available in July, the eLearn Person Centered Thinking course will be an excellent refresher course for those who have successfully completed the two (2) day live Person Centered Thinking training course and an excellent course for all staff. However, the eLearn course is not an equivalent substitution for the two (2) day live course.

VI. CDC GUIDANCE FOR SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released COVID-19 guidance, with a primary focus on family members and caregivers who support people with developmental disabilities.

- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers](#)
- [Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers, Caregivers, Parents, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
- [People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)

Here is a link to the CDC website: [\(Click Here\)](#)