



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Emergency Operations Center (EOC): EOC@DDSN.SC.GOV; 803-898-9754
SITUATIONAL REPORT NO. 11 DATE: APRIL 7, 2020
EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. CRITICAL INCIDENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 INFECTIONS:

Currently, eight staff have been diagnosed with COVID-19; Regional Centers (2) and community (6). Four consumers have been diagnosed with COVID-19; Regional Centers (1) and community (3).

The purpose of this interim guidance is to clarify Critical Incident reporting related to COVID-19 Infections using the following procedures:

- a) Complete an initial Critical Incident report when a staff or consumer has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19; staff or consumer quarantined; and formal COVID-19 testing sought.
- b) The report should be submitted using the Adverse Operations Event tab and selecting the type as “Public Interest/Sensitive Situations.” Illnesses are not typically reported under Critical Incidents, but COVID-19 infections will due to the significant public health risk during this State & National Emergency.
- c) The report should list the individual(s) with symptoms and the current plan of care, such as quarantine, relocation, or hospitalization. The report should also include the potential risk to other consumers or staff outside the designated setting.
- d) A final Critical Incident report is required after obtaining the COVID-19 test result. No interim mandatory reporting requirements apply—please just report upon obtaining test result.
- e) Addendum(s) will be used if symptoms persist beyond reporting a negative COVID-19 test.
- f) As DDSN tracks the COVID-19 infection data, the data will be communicated back to the provider network without attribution for situational awareness as to the impact on our community from COVID-19 during these uncertain times. This will also prevent the circulation of inaccurate information.

II. CDC/DHEC UPDATE:

The CDC has added guidance on the use and manufacture of cloth face masks:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM25135
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YLXEhSjVsw>

Also, DHEC has issued new DHEC guidance on isolation, quarantine and cloth face masks:

<https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/10456-DHU-04-06-2020-COVID-19.pdf>

III. AIDD AND HRSI COVID 19 INFORMATION WEBINAR:

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold a webinar on COVID-19 and People with IDD: Taking action to mitigate risk. Registration information is located at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2469426555973791500>

IV. DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: (CLICK HERE)

Please see the linked information above regarding the interim process for training of Direct Support Professionals.

V. EXTENSION OF ANE/CI FINAL REPORTS: (CLICK HERE)

Please see the linked information above regarding the interim process for requesting an extension of ANE and Critical Final Reports.

VI. SOCIAL ISOLATION STRATEGIES: (CLICK HERE)

Advancing States put together this social isolation resource with ideas from other states and how they are addressing social isolation. See above for a resource including ideas to help combat isolation during this time.

VII. EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS AUTHORIZED:

The State of South Carolina, as a result of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-11 Section 3, has authorized usage of the emergency procurement procedures set forth in Section 11-35-1570 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The emergency procurements are "permitted related to purchases that are necessary and appropriate to facilitate and expedite acquisition of any critical resources during the State of Emergency". The Governor suspends the procurement regulations for purchases that "if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency". Providers are required to comply with SCDDSN Directive 250-08-DD "Procurement Requirements for Local DSN Boards and Contracted Service Providers" when procuring goods or services. As an interim procedure, we do hereby temporarily expand the availability of the emergency procurements to align with the Governor's Executive Order. Providers must clearly document all emergency procurements such that auditors reviewing these transactions can clearly determine that the procurement was in accordance with the intent of the Executive Order.

VII. UPDATE RE: FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (FFCRA) - DOL EXPANDS BENEFITS TO PARENTS OF ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Please see the link regarding this update: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

IX: UPDATE RE: CARE ACT- REQUEST TO ADJUST TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECOVERY REBATE CHECKS FOR SSI AND VA RECIPIENTS:

Please see the link regarding this update: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)