



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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## **I. PROVIDER DAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMMING IDEAS:**

Thank you to Dorchester DSNB for implementing additional COVID-19 activities and sharing programming ideas for relieving anxiety, preventing transmission, and maintaining social connections. Providers are encouraged to also share their creative ideas across Day Activity and other services to [EOC@DDSN.SC.GOV](mailto:EOC@DDSN.SC.GOV) for posting in the Situational Reports.

[\(Click Here\)](#) for programming examples

[\(Click Here\)](#) for COVID-19 Bingo

[\(Click Here\)](#) for miscellaneous tools

## **II. DHEC WEBINAR-INFECTION CONTROL & PREVENTION IN CRCFS: [\(Click Here\)](#)**

On May 5, 2020, SC DHEC conducted a webinar to discuss the impact of COVID-19 in community residential care facilities (CRCFs) and strategies to control and prevent infection in these settings. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), DHEC developed an Infection Control Worksheet ([Click Here](#)) for use by CRCFs as a self-assessment tool. The assessment comprises both regulatory requirements and best practices in infection control.

## **III. EPA LISTING OF DISINFECTANTS FOR PREVENTION OF CORONAVIRUS:**

A list of products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 is available [here](#). Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products for concentration, application method and contact time. If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

## **IV. ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING RESOURCES:**

There are a variety of accounting and auditing considerations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. DDSN implores Finance Directors/CFOs to ensure continued review of resources that have been made available to ensure adjustments to internal operations are implemented to be in a position for success. The DDSN provider network should be taking the lead on making adjustments to be ensure their financial records and internal controls are ready for audit. There are a few resources provided below to assist with identifying those areas you should be considering.

[AICPA Audit and Accounting Resources](#)

[COVID-19 Resource Center](#)

[GASB Emergency Toolkit](#)

[NASACT Resources](#)

## **V. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS COUNTABLE AS RESOURCES FOR ROOM AND BOARD:**

Providers should include as unearned income any unemployment benefits received by individuals served in residential. Unemployment benefits should be used to apply the charge for room and board. The ability for individuals to pay the cap amount should be reconsidered based on this, or any other change in income resources. Reminder – the economic impact payments (stimulus checks) are not countable as income when applying room and board charges.

## **VI. RESOURCES RELATED TO THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS:**

Whether individuals receive the check through SSI or other means, the following key considerations are important:

- Many individuals may need education and support to understand why they are automatically receiving a large sum of money and how they can use it;
- Some people who qualify may need help in obtaining funds if they are not able to receive an automatic payment;
- Those who serve as representative payees, including facilities or providers, should receive education about the stimulus funds and how the funds may be treated as an asset if not spent within 12 months or used to purchase something that could be counted as an asset;
- Individuals may need support to understand how the stimulus check may be obtained by debt collectors or pose an increased risk for scams; and
- It is important for individuals and representative payees, as appropriate, to know that the money is intended to pay for basic necessities and not to pay for the cost of care in facilities or community-based programs

These resources may be helpful:

- Guide to Stimulus Checks for People with Disabilities (by self-advocates who choose identity first language)  
<https://howtogeton.wordpress.com/will-disabled-people-get-stimulus-checks/>
- Stimulus Check Tips for Parents-Including Parents of Adults with Disabilities (by self-advocates who choose identity first language)  
<https://howtogeton.wordpress.com/stimulus-checks-tips-for-parents-including-parents-of-adult-disabled-children/>
- American Council on Aging COVID-19 Stimulus Check Impact  
<https://www.medicaidplanningassistance.org/covid-19-stimulus-checks-impact/>
- IRS Warning About Coronavirus-related Scam  
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-warning-about-coronavirus-related-scams-watch-out-for-schemes-tied-to-economic-impact-payments>