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TO: DDD PROVIDER NETWORK
FROM: Division of Developmental Disabilities
RE: Response to COVID-19 (rel4)
DATE: 3/19/20

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance for Alabama Community Providers of Services
for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

All, we have an emergent need to track the impact of and COVID-19 data on screening, testing, quarantine and confirmed cases relative to provider staff and individuals served. Information related to setting closures and access to supplies should also be reported. A worksheet is attached to assist you in tracking the reporting of this information. **NOTE: If you are a Mental Health Center and reporting data to Kim Hammack, you should include your DDD information on that report to prevent duplication of effort.**

All providers are expected to report this information to the contacts below as incidents occur. The requested information should not be confused with the COVID-19 incident reporting requirements/guidelines you received yesterday and is a separate data collection required to be reported for an ADMH (MH/SA/DD) aggregate data report for anticipated future needs.

To provide further clarification:

- Staff screened would be one who has been verbally screened (i.e. do you have fever, have you traveled outside the area, have you recently developed a cough)
- Staff/Individual tested would be those that have physically had an official Covid-19 test completed by a medical professional

Please provide the first report by close of business Monday, 3/23/20, to the following:

Region I – Derek Greer at derek.greer@mh.alabama.gov
Region II & V – Margaret Mattox at margaret.mattox@mh.alabama.gov
Region III & IV – Jennifer Carpenter jennifer.carpenter@mh.alabama.gov

Also attached is the Alabama Emergency Management Agency contact list. As with any extreme

weather events, please ensure they are aware of you serve a vulnerable population and may need assistance in the event of an emergency or need for supplies if they have access to them.

Also, please continue to be consistent with your infection control protocol, CDC and ADPH guidelines to reduce the impact of this virus. Remember that underlying conditions that may place all staff and individuals served at an increased health risk include the following:

***Underlying Medical conditions that may increase risk of serious COVID-19**

Blood Disorders (e.g. sickle cell or on thinners)

Chronic Kidney Disease (medication treatment or dialysis)

Chronic Liver Disease (cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis)

Compromised Immune System (immunosuppression) cancer, chemotherapy/radiation, organ or bone transplant, high doses of corticosteroids or immunosuppressant medication, HIV/AIDS.

Endocrine Disorder (diabetes mellitus)

Metabolic Disorder (inherited or mitochondrial disorder)

Heart Disease (Congenital, congestive or coronary artery disease)

Lung Disease (Asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchitis, emphysema, impaired lung function, or required oxygen)

Neurological, neurologic and neurodevelopmental conditions (brain spinal cord disorders, spinal cord injury, peripheral nerve, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, seizures, stroke, moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy)