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TO: DDD PROVIDER NETWORK
FROM: Division of Developmental Disabilities
RE: Response to COVID-19 (rel6)
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**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance for Alabama Community Providers of Services
for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

As of this morning, we now have FOUR Residential settings where Staff and an individual has exhibited COVID-19 symptoms.

Attached are guidelines for DDD Staff, Case Managers and Providers to follow in response to SCENARIOS related to COVID-19. These procedures are effective immediately and should be taken seriously as a mitigation strategy to reduce the impact of COVID-19.

AS A REMINDER, PLEASE MAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THOSE UNDERLYING CONDITIONS THAT MAY PUT PEOPLE AT HIGHER RISK! ALSO NOTE, GASTROINTESTINAL ISSUES MAY ALSO BE A INDICATOR!

***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)

A webpage is being developed to act as a repository for DDD communications, policies, and resources. Please check the <https://mh.alabama.gov/COVID-19/> provider section regularly for updates.