



**DIRECTOR'S ORDER**

**Re: Director's Amended Order on Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services**

I, Stephanie McCloud, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.13, to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases, hereby ORDER the following to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio:

1. This Order shall replace all prior Orders regarding Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services. This Order applies to Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services provided by agency providers who are certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.
2. **Group Sizes.** Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities can be delivered in groups of individuals in facilities designated for these services. Group sizes cannot exceed 12 individuals, which does not include employees or staff who are assisting the individuals. Group sizes or cohorts shall be maintained, to the extent feasible, as explained in this order. Additionally, groups must comply with social distancing requirements, including by maintaining six-foot social distance, as explained in this Order.
3. **Facial Coverings.** Employees are required to wear facial coverings at all times while delivering Adult Day Support or Vocational Habilitation Services. Individuals receiving services are required to wear facial coverings unless an exception for a medical, functional or practical reason is documented by the Team in the individual's person-centered plan.
4. **Social Distancing.** For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements include maintaining at least six-foot social distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Facilities must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible:
  - a. Designate six-foot distances. Designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and individuals.
  - b. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products. Having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and individuals.

**Daily Log and Screening of Individuals and Employees.** All individuals and employees shall be screened for COVID-19 daily before entering the facility using DODD's symptom monitoring log.

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/resources/resource-covid-19-symptom-monitoring-log>

5. Facilities shall maintain a daily log that tracks the attendance of each individual including telephone number and address. The log shall be maintained for at least six months and shall be made available upon request to DODD, ODH, or a local health district.
6. **Cohorting.** To the extent feasible, facilities shall use cohorting of individuals to minimize the risk of disease spread and adverse health outcomes. Cohorting is the practice of gathering participants as a group that will eat and participate in activities and services together. Facilities shall determine cohorts, not to exceed 12 individuals, and shall assign the same staff to the cohort throughout the day.
7. **Sanitation.** Facilities shall comply with the following sanitation requirements:
  - a. Facilities shall continue to implement all CDC guidelines for infection prevention and control.
  - b. Facilities shall maintain adequate inventories of PPE, supplies, and equipment within the facility.
  - c. Handwashing and/or hand sanitizer shall be available upon entry to the facility and all individuals and staff shall utilize upon entry and exit of the facility.
  - d. Hand sanitizer shall be available throughout the facility for individuals and staff.
8. **Confirmed Case(s).** In the event that an individual or staff develops symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19, facilities shall comply with the following protocol:
  - a. Facilities shall immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at the facility.
  - b. Facilities shall shutdown space for deep sanitation after identification of any individual or staff who tests positive for COVID-19.
  - c. Facilities shall work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
  - d. Facilities shall ensure all individuals with suspected infection or exposure are tested before returning to the facility for services.
  - e. Following testing, facilities shall contact their local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.
9. **Duration.** This Order shall be effective January 29, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and remain in full force and effect until unless the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order at a sooner time and date.

Accordingly, I hereby **ORDER** that this Order shall replace all prior Orders regarding Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services.

*Stephanie S. McCloud*

Stephanie McCloud, Director

January 29, 2021

Date