

## **Closure of Older Adult Daily Living Centers, Structured Day Habilitation, and Licensed Facilities Where Community Participation Support is Provided When Staff or Individuals Are Diagnosed with COVID-19**

### **AUDIENCE:**

- Providers of Facility-Based Community Participation Supports
- Operators of Adult Training Facilities licensed under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2380
- Operators of Vocational Facilities licensed under 55 Pa. Code Chapter 2390
- Operators of Older Adult Daily Living Centers licensed under 6 Pa. Code Chapter 11
- Providers of Facility-Based Day Habilitation in the Adult Autism Waiver
- Providers of Adult Daily Living Services
- Providers of Structured Day Habilitation in the Community HealthChoices Program or OBRA Waiver
- Supports Coordination Organizations
- Service Coordination Entities
- Community HealthChoices Managed Care Organizations
- LIFE Provider Organizations
- Administrative Entities
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Other interested parties

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide guidance for the closure of Older Adult Daily Living Centers, Structured Day Programs, Adult Training Facilities and Vocational Facilities when a staff person or an individual receiving service is diagnosed with COVID-19.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Human Services and Department of Aging are working together to provide stakeholders with additional guidance on situations requiring the closure of day program facilities in Pennsylvania.

#### **Situations Requiring Closure**

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Older Adult Daily Living Centers, Structured Day Programs, Adult Training Facilities and Vocational Facilities, the following situations require program closure:

Situation	Closure Guidance <sup>1</sup>
Staff who rendered services or an individual who receives services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) tested positive for COVID-19,</li> <li>(2) is asymptomatic and</li> <li>(3) does not know the <u>date of exposure to COVID-19</u>.</li> </ul>	The setting must close if the staff or individual was present in the setting at any point <u>starting 48 hours before the test date</u> .
Staff who rendered services or an individual who receives services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) tested positive for COVID-19,</li> <li>(2) is asymptomatic and</li> <li>(3) knows the <u>date of exposure to COVID-19</u>.</li> </ul>	The setting must close if the staff or individual was present in the setting at any point <u>starting 48 hours after the diagnosed person was exposed to COVID-19</u> .
Staff who rendered services or an individual who received services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <u>exhibits symptoms of COVID-19<sup>2</sup> and</u></li> <li>(2) <u>subsequently tested positive for COVID-19</u>.</li> </ul>	The setting must close if the staff or individual was present in the setting at any point <u>starting 48 hours prior to the time the person started exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19</u> .

**Closure Requirements:**

- The provider must **close the setting for 14 calendar days starting from the date that the provider was notified of the COVID-19 diagnosis**.
- The provider will need to follow the re-opening guidance specific to the type of setting and issued by the Office/Department responsible for payment of services in the setting. Re-opening guidance is in development and will be published in the near future.
- If a provider received guidance from the Department of Health or the local Department of Health that the licensed setting can re-open in less than 14 days, the provider may choose to do so, but must still follow the re-opening guidance.
- The provider should encourage individuals and staff who were present in the setting to quarantine at home for 14 days.
- Back-up plans to ensure the health and welfare of all individuals impacted by the closure of the setting must be implemented.

<sup>1</sup> Source: PA Department of Health 2020-PAHAN-513-07-04-ALT  
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/HAN/2020-PAHAN-513-07-04-ALT-Changing%20Ep.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Providers are responsible for keeping up-to-date about COVID-19 symptoms. A current list of symptoms is available at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Symptoms-Testing.aspx>.

**Notification of closure and re-opening activities must be provided to the parties listed below:**

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Notify</b>
Facility-Based Community Participation Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• Supports Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• Administrative Entity</li> <li>• ODP Regional Office</li> </ul>
Facility-Based Day Habilitation (Adult Autism Waiver)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• Supports Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• ODP Regional Office</li> </ul>
Older Adult Daily Living Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• Service Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• Area Agency on Aging</li> <li>• The individuals' Managed Care Organizations</li> </ul>
Structured Day Habilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who receive services in the facility</li> <li>• Service Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the setting</li> <li>• OLTL</li> <li>• The individuals' Managed Care Organizations</li> </ul>