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:
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<td>Staff who rendered services or an individual who receives services: (1) tested positive for COVID-19, (2) is asymptomatic and (3) does not know the date of exposure to COVID-19.</td>
<td>The setting must close if the staff or individual was present in the setting at any point starting 48 hours before the test date.</td>
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<td>Staff who rendered services or an individual who received services: (1) exhibits symptoms of COVID-19² and (2) subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.</td>
<td>The setting must close if the staff or individual was present in the setting at any point starting 48 hours prior to the time the person started exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.</td>
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**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.

¹ Source: PA Department of Health 2020-PAHAN-513-07-04-ALT

² 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:

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| Facility-Based Community Participation Support | • Individuals who receive services in the facility  
• Supports Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the facility  
• Administrative Entity  
• ODP Regional Office |
| Facility-Based Day Habilitation (Adult Autism Waiver) | • Individuals who receive services in the facility  
• Supports Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the facility  
• ODP Regional Office |
| Older Adult Daily Living Services       | • Individuals who receive services in the facility  
• Service Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the facility  
• Area Agency on Aging  
• The individuals’ Managed Care Organizations |
| Structured Day Habilitation             | • Individuals who receive services in the facility  
• Service Coordinators of individuals who receive services in the setting  
• OLTL  
• The individuals’ Managed Care Organizations |