


Office of Developmental Programs Community Participation Supports (CPS) Readiness Tool

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Process to Reopen Pennsylvania

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The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is an unprecedented event that has ir similar unprecedented burden of COVID-19 and has taken equally unprecedented mea

Continued vigilance will be necessary to protect vulnerable populations – especially in congregate settings.

Green Phase

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions

- Continued Telework Strongly Encouraged
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Updated Business and Building Safety Requirements
- All Businesses Operating at 50% Occupancy in the Yellow Phase May Increase to 75% Occupancy
- Child Care May Open Complying with Guidance
- Congregate Care Restrictions in Place
- Prison and Hospital Restrictions Determined by Individual Facilities
- Schools Subject to CDC and Commonwealth Guidance

Social Restrictions

- Large Recreational Gatherings Remain Restricted
- Restaurants and Bars Open at 50% Occupancy
- Personal Care Services (including hair salons and barbershops) Open at 50% Occupancy and by Appointment Only
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities, and Personal Care Services (such as gyms and spas) Open at 50% Occupancy with Appointments Strongly Encouraged
- All Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters, and shopping malls) Open at 50% Occupancy
- Construction Activity May Return to Full Capacity with Continued Implementation of Protocols

General principle is **continue mitigation and risk reduction efforts**

- Remote services continue whenever possible
- Screening
- Social/physical distancing
- Small numbers of people
- Mask use
- Infection control – handwashing, cleaning

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) in Counties Designated by the Governor as **Green Phase**

- Individual Transition Guide
- CPS facilities permitted to re-open
- Timelines for CPS re-engagement and re-opening will vary
 - individuals should re-engage in activities on timelines that meet each of their needs
 - timelines for facilities to re-open will vary depending on the extent of programmatic and facility modifications that are necessary to safely provide facility-based services to individuals.

For every individual there should be a discussion about desired activities, risks, and support to mitigate risk prior to re-engaging in activities.

Facility Based Community Participation Supports Readiness Tool for COVID-19

For individuals who reside in counties that are in the Red or Yellow Phase or for whom facility-based service is not appropriate or desired during the pandemic, CPS providers should:

- (1) provide support in private homes where families need relief of care and
- (2) develop and provide alternative remote options to support individuals who are authorized to receive services

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- For safe re-opening, every facility must address infection control and mitigation procedures
- Providers plans should be thorough and well thought out, requiring additional time as needed to re-open.
- CPS Readiness Tool has been developed to provide a guide for Administrative Entities and CPS providers to initiate a conversation and process about plans for re-opening facilities.
- Tool design and format
 - Elements to be assessed
 - Assessment
 - Notes / Areas for Improvement
 - Resources

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Overview:

1. General Preparedness
2. Social Distancing
3. Education, Infection Control and Training
4. Monitoring and Screening

General Preparedness

- **Staffing**
 - Risk reduction (cohorting, minimize exposures)
 - Staffing for newly identified needs of individuals
- **Communication strategy with individuals and families**
 - Clear and constant communication about COVID-19
 - Safety strategies within facility, transportation
 - Infection control – masking, handwashing, etc
- **Coordination with other providers**
 - Residential
 - Transportation
- **Trauma awareness and resources**
 - For DSPs, individuals and families
 - CPS providers significant role in system efforts to address trauma and wellness

Social Distancing

For each facility evaluation of all physical plant and programmatic considerations

- Participant and staff numbers, work or activity flow
- Arrivals and departures
- Bathrooms
- Lunch and breaks

Measures to support social distancing may include:

- Alternating arrival/departure times
- Alternating days/shifts for participants
- Reduced numbers of participants
- Plexiglass screening
- Erecting barriers or tape/other visual indicators

Education, Infection Control and Training

- COVID-19 (e.g., symptoms, how it is transmitted, observation of individuals for symptoms)
- Sick leave policies and importance of not reporting or remaining at work when ill
- Infection, prevention, and control (IPC) practices
- Cleaning and disinfection guidance
- Mask use and alternative strategies for individuals who cannot wear mask

Monitoring and Screening

- Pre-service screening protocol
 - Include temperature checks
 - Screening questions
 - Consider single entry to facility to ensure 100% compliance with screening protocol
 - Identify an area for screening the health of participants and staff members which is separate from program areas (flexibility in determining what type of screening)
- Procedures and readiness if individual or staff screen positive or symptomatic

Focus on Responding to Trauma and Supporting Wellness During The Emergency

- Improve trauma awareness across system
- ***Identify and support wellness activities through CPS***, through ISP
- Supports Coordinators - continue wellness checks weekly. Special attention to adults who live on their own.
- Provider support for DSPs
- AIDinPA.org
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