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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: [Employment First](#): Updates to Employment Policy and Reopening Plans

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

The employment team at the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has made some important policy updates.

First, ODDS is now allowing 1:1 services in a facility in the extreme risk (red) counties during COVID-19 state of emergency. This is to acknowledge that right now, in some cases, a 1:1 service may be safer in a large facility with plenty of space for physical distancing. The details are in the updated [Employment/DSA Worker Guide](#).

In addition, due to the evolving protocols of COVID-19, ODDS is no longer requiring employment and day support activity (DSA) providers to submit reopening plans. Instead, providers will submit a [Reopening Acknowledgement form](#) that attests to the fact they are following ODDS rules and protocols and have submitted emergency plans. It is important to remember that COVID-19 rules are regularly changing, and ODDS expect providers to track and implement changes as outlined in the reopening guidance. Policy transmittal [PT 20-074](#) has details as well.

ODDS is hosting a Zoom webinar on Jan. 5, 2021 to answer questions about these new requirements. The webinar will be from 3 to 4 p.m.

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