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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

While we have been focused on immediate health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 during the past six weeks, I wanted to remind everyone that we must also continue to safeguard the overall safety of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As a reminder, anyone who works with people with I/DD is a mandatory abuse reporter. It is important that case management entities regularly check in with people, even virtually, to monitor health and safety.

[Transmittal IM 20-049](#) reminds individuals working with people with developmental disabilities of their obligation and responsibilities related to mandatory reporting.

Other important information and guidance released this week includes:

- [Transmittal](#) on information to report to ODDS on suspected or positive cases of COVID-19
- Updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) for Case Management Entities
- Updated [FAQ](#) for providers
- New [FAQ](#) on Expanded Family Supports

Remember that you can subscribe to get regular updates on policies and resources we are issuing on the [ODDS Covid web page](#).

I also want to acknowledge the hard work happening statewide. I know this is challenging work, and you are doing it while also trying to balance your own, and your family's, health and safety. Thank you for all you are doing.

Sincerely,



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