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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

This is an update on actions that ODDS has taken this week regarding issuing policy and guidance on COVID-19 to protect the people we serve and staff who provide those services.

On Monday, we issued a [policy](#) restricting all non-essential visitors to 24-hour residential group homes and provider-owned or controlled supported living settings. This was not a decision made lightly. However, the priority is to support the health and safety of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities during this unprecedented time.

ODDS also issued a [scenarios tool](#) that gives guidance for providers and case management entities on how to respond to symptoms and cases of COVID-19.

Other [important guidance](#) regarding the ability of case managers to use telehealth systems to do case management services remotely instead of face-to-face was also issued.

Other important information and guidance released this week includes:

- ODDS redesigned our COVID-19 [web page](#) with resources, frequently asked questions and transmittals for case managers, providers and individuals and families.
- [Updated](#) presumed eligibility guidance
- [Guidance](#) for community living services
- ODDS [licensing review](#) changes
- Foster care licensing review [changes](#)
- [Updated action request](#) requiring emergency plans from all case management entities

Thank you for your diligence and for prioritizing this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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