
COVID-19 Prevention for Individual and Family Home Waiver Settings

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To Prevent Introduction of Coronavirus (COVID-19) into Homes

The following procedures are recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in individual and family home waiver settings.

Take time to review and follow preventative measures using these resources.

1. [Ohio Department of Health Prevention Checklists](#)
2. [COVID-19 Information for Families](#)
3. [Plain Language Information on COVID-19](#)
4. [Things You Can Do to Prepare for and Prevent COVID-19](#)
5. [CDC Resources](#)

Situational Responses

When a person is known to have contact with another person who has tested positive for COVID-19, but has not yet exhibited any symptoms, follow these steps.

1. Take immediate precaution to clean all surfaces and isolate the exposed person from other members in the household.
2. Exposed person needs to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days in a separate room with no interaction or exposure to anyone else residing in the home.
3. Conduct periodic screenings of the exposed person at least twice daily by checking and monitoring for

- fever,
- cough,
- shortness of breath,
- and a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

When a COVID-19 screening process results in a person showing symptoms:

1. Contact the person's primary care physician by phone.
2. Primary care physicians will determine whether an in-person assessment is needed and will advise regarding the next steps.
3. DO NOT VISIT AN URGENT CARE OR EMERGENCY ROOM.
4. A person exhibiting symptoms should be isolated until guidance is received from the primary care physician.
5. Take immediate precautions to clean all surfaces in the home.

When a primary direct support professional (DSP) is being tested or has tested positive for COVID-19 and is unavailable to provide care:

1. Take immediate precautions to clean all surfaces and ensure the DSP is no longer assigned to the home.
2. If the person's primary DSP is through an agency, contact the agency's administrator and/or emergency response number.
3. If the person has no paid provider, or the primary DSP is an independent or Shared Living provider, contact the person's service and support administrator (SSA) and/or the county board of developmental disabilities via their emergency number.
4. You may also find additional providers in your area through the [DODD Provider Search](#) or [ProviderGuidePlus](#).

[DODD support teams](#) are available to help county boards and providers.

DODD has set up a dedicated [web page](#) for department communications and links to helpful resources that will advise people with disabilities, their families, service providers, direct support professionals, county boards of developmental disabilities, and the community at large.

For specific questions about COVID-19 and additional information and resources, DODD urges you to use the Ohio Department of Health's call center. Call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634), or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.