**COVID-19: INFECTION PREVENTION**

# SUBJECT: Interim COVID-19 Participant COVID-19 Informed Choice

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## Accountability: All Staff Document No.: COVID-001

**Reference:** [**Amending licensing requirements for adult day centers**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTEuMzE5MjY1MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL21uLmdvdi9kaHMvYXNzZXRzL0FkdWx0LWRheS1jZW50ZXJzLXdhaXZlci11cGRhdGVzLTEyLTIwX3RjbTEwNTMtNDU3MzI4LnBkZiJ9.6Wl9lM6ZV0SDF-u0ziBN24aXTLEIM_bQUoKA1Uzw8Gk/s/529525967/br/91583613126-l)

**POLICY:** Participants will have information to exercise their service-related rights to make an informed choice about whether to receive adult day services in the program or stay-at-home and receive no services or remote services during the peacetime emergency to minimize COVID-19 exposure.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The program will participate in conversations with the participant and their caregiver or support team to discuss individual risks and benefits of program options when needed or circumstances change such as after a positive case or if requested by the participant and their caregiver/support team.
2. Key points for discussion may include:
	1. Is the person at a higher risk for infection because they are older than age 65 or have an underlying health condition?
	2. Is it possible for the person to remotely receive alternative adult day services?
	3. Has the person and their caregiver or support team reviewed the adult day center’s COVID-19 Preparedness Plan?
	4. Does the person feel confident the provider will implement their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan effectively?
	5. Can the person protect themselves and others by washing their hands often; avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth; covering their coughs and sneezes; and wearing a protective mask or cloth face covering?
	6. Can the person access transportation safely?
	7. Is the person’s current Individual Abuse Prevention Plan (IAPP) and outcomes consistent with receiving services in the community?
	8. Given all these factors, is the benefit of returning to the adult day center outweighed by the health risk associated with returning to the adult day center?
3. The program will document a summary of this conversation in the participant’s record.

**Effective Date:**

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