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IRC updates

Vendor Advisory Committee Notes 1-22

1. EVV implementation has begun and there was that sprint to the finish line by DDS and Sandata. I want to commend our vendors for all their work and patience, as this was not an easy process that was compounded by the rush to get up and running. We understand how difficult new protocols and rules can be, especially when unfunded. Great job to the vendors having to implement the solution. DDS is creating a universal document for vendors to tally the live in providers that are exempt. More information and direction will be offered soon, but for the meantime, all vendors should be keeping a list of all exempt providers, considered live in.
2. The Omicron variant is taking a toll on our clients and vendors. We are seeing the numbers rise dramatically in the day programs and ICFs, for positive cases with clients and staff. Please ensure that you promote the vaccine and the booster, as well as testing for all staff. The booster is currently one of the best shields you can have in lessening the intensity of this variant. The week of the 29th, IRC had 60 positive cases in the 5-day period and the week of the 3rd, we had approximately 150. All vendors should do their best to keep clients out of the community and out of unnecessary environments that could pose a risk.
 - a. Visit IRCs Coronavirus (COVID-19) resource page <https://www.inlandrc.org/coronavirus/>
3. PPE – IRC is currently in receipt of 100,000 N-95 masks from the Department. If a vendor requires additional supplies, please contact your Quality Assurance Liaison. This applies to all vendors. For vendors who are licensed through Community Care Licensing, please contact them for your supply, prior to calling or emailing your liaison.
 - a. For all congregate care, it is an IRC mandate that any direct care service provider wear an N-95 type of mask. For all non-congregate levels of care, it is highly recommended. Any information on fit testing can be found on the IRC website or discussed with your Quality Assurance Liaison.
 - b. N95 Respirator Fit Testing Resources for Adult and Senior Care Residential Facilities. <https://www.inlandrc.org/2021/02/10/n95-respirator-fit-testing-resources-for-adult-and-senior-care-residential-facilities/>
4. ICF – The Public Health Office issued a new visitation order that went into effect on January 7th and for any indoor visitation, visitors must be vaccinated and provide evidence of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test within 1 day of visitation or within two days of visitation a PCR test. Exceptions to the order and frequently asked questions can be found on the California

Department of Public Health Website.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

5. Day Programs – IRC will support day programs continuing with traditional services if they are done in the most appropriate and safest manner. We are recommending though those programs move back to an off-site Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) model. There are two things that are critical for any movement from traditional to ASD services:
 - a. Send the list of clients to include name, UCI# and Service Coordinator to your Quality Assurance Liaison. They will then send the information to the case management team, so they change the authorizations.
 - b. Have an Inter-disciplinary Team (IDT) meeting with all parties to include the client, parent, residential home, transportation provider and service coordinator. If any party cannot make the meeting, please make sure they are communicated with, so they know how to proceed.
6. Vaccines/Boosters/Testing – Due to the rapidly changing nature of the guidance, I am opting to not put anything in writing. We do recommend that all vendors follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) regarding the topics. Links have been updated on the IRC Website, under the Covid-19 Update tab. That can be a universal sight to gather the most updated information from the sites mentioned.

SB County <https://sbcovid19.com/testing-sites/>

Riverside County <https://www.rivco.org/news/state-testing-sites-open-riverside-county-eight-new-locations-will-test-additional-1000-people>

Myturn <https://myturn.ca.gov/>