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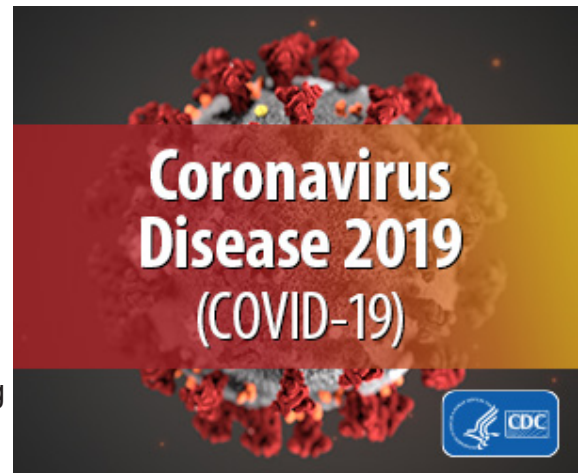
OIFA Member Newsletter - September 2020

DDD Actions Related to COVID-19

DDD has implemented many [temporary measures](#) to support members and vendors as a result of COVID-19. These measures include new information about available services that can be delivered during school time based on assessed need. DDD is working with AHCCCS. We will let members and families know when a timeline is created for ending those temporary measures. This will help ensure a smooth transition for members and vendors.

Remember, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services you can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by doing these 6 things:

- Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet
- Avoid large groups and going out if possible
- Wear a face cover when you are out in public
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds often
- Stay home when you are sick



Learn more about COVID-19 at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <http://azhealth.gov/coronavirus>.

Complete the 2020 Census



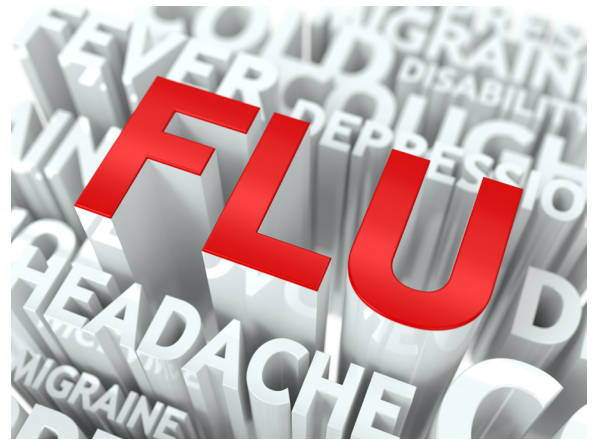
Data collection for the 2020 Census will end on September 30, 2020. It is important for members and families to complete the 2020 census. Completing the census is critical. An inaccurate census can result in lost federal dollars for programs and services including transportation, infrastructure, education and affordable housing. Complete the census online or by phone if you have not already submitted the questionnaire sent to you by the Census Bureau.

- Online: <https://my2020census.gov/>
- Phone: 1-844-330-2020

Learn more about the census at <https://2020census.gov/en.html>.

Governor Ducey Urges Arizonans to Get Flu Shot

[Governor Ducey on August 31, 2020](#), announced a partnership with health care providers and businesses to prepare for the upcoming flu season. Arizona is taking enhanced steps to expand access to the flu vaccine. All Arizonans are encouraged to get it. Getting a flu shot is more important than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic. Arizona has established a new website to help Arizonans find a location near them to get a flu shot. Make an appointment with your PCP to get your flu shot. You can also find a location near you using the [Vaccine Finder](#).



Family Caregiver Grant Program

Funding is available through a reimbursement program for family caregivers who provide care for their loved ones in their own homes. Family caregivers can be reimbursed 50% (up to \$1,000 for each qualifying family member) for qualified home modifications and other equipment used to help their loved ones live more independently.

The Family Caregiver Grant Program was established as a result of legislation. The program is for individuals who have qualifying expenses during a calendar year. These expenses must be related to the care and support a qualifying family member in their home. Applicants can call the Caregiver Resource Line at (888) 737-7494 to apply. Learn more at azcaregiver.org.



Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) ensures, tracks and monitors timely service delivery and access to care for members. EVV is being implemented as a result of the 21st Century Cures Act. It is also a federal requirement.

The EVV systems electronically verify the:

- Type of service performed
- Individual receiving the service
- Date of the service
- Location of service delivery
- Individual providing the service
- Time the service begins and ends

The DDD services impacted are:

- Attendant Care
- Homemaker/Housekeeping
- Habilitation Hourly
- Home Health (Nursing)

- Respite
- Skills Training and Development

EVV applies to all providers of these services, **including** paid family direct care workers. Providers providing impacted services must begin using EVV on January 1, 2021. AHCCCS will be hosting events for members and families regarding EVV. Check azahcccs.gov/evv often for dates and times.

Arizona Partners in Leadership



The AZ Partners in Leadership program provides training, resources and skill building to self-advocates and parents of children with disabilities. Participants will meet and unite with others who have similar concerns. Participants learn how the legislative process works at the local, state and national levels. The goal of the training is to develop partnerships. These partnerships are between people who need services and those who make policy and law.

Participants will attend 8, 2-day sessions. The sessions will be held in Phoenix, but they may be held via video conference due to COVID-19.

The deadline to submit applications has been extended until November 2, 2020. Download the application and get more details at <http://pilotparents.org/programs-and-services/az-partners-in-leadership/> or call 1-877-365-7220.

DDD Weekly Town Hall Meetings

DDD is hosting town hall meetings. DDD will present details about the plans and actions it is taking to support the health and safety of members, families, and workers in its system during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other information related to DDD programs and services will also be shared. Attendees can ask questions after the presentation. Visit <https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities> and scroll to the “Upcoming DDD Events” section for the schedule.

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Councils and Committees

There are many ways you can volunteer and positively impact the DD community. Visit the [DDD website](#) to see all the councils and committees you can volunteer to be on.

DDD is Here to Help

Please contact your Support Coordinator or the DDD Customer Service Center at 1-844-770-9500 ext. 1 (TTY/TDD 711) if you have questions.

Call your Support Coordinator, to ask for this material in other formats. Language help is available at no cost to you.