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## DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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# QUALIFIED VENDOR COVID-19 REPORTING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE UPDATE

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

Transmittal Date - 02/16/2022

As the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to evolve in Arizona, the Division continues to update its guidance for Qualified Vendors and providers. On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, the Division posted an updated version of its [Qualified Vendor COVID-19 Reporting and Technical Assistance](#) guidance. This update aligns with current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the Arizona Department of Health Services.

The document has been updated to include the following changes:

- Removed “Definitions” section.
- Removed the requirement for reporting employee/subcontractor status.
- Removed requirement to confirm that PCP or local hospital and county health department is notified.
- Added guidance on use/submission of home kit tests.
- Removed requirement to identify a Designated Lead.
- Revised the information required in the Incident Report.
- Streamlined language for Qualified Vendor to request technical assistance from DDD Quality Management.
- Revised DDD Health Care Services responsibilities.
- Clarified that negotiated rates may be provided to a Qualified Vendor for in-home services to deliver COVID-19 positive care.
- Provided additional guidance for requesting an extension of approved negotiated rates.