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NURSING, THERAPIES AND IN-HOME SURVEYS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR GROUP HOME PROVIDERS

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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Information for Group Home Providers and Services Delivered in a Congregate Setting

DDD has enhanced its [congregate settings guidance document](#) for QVAs to include additional information for providers. This information should supplement your current pandemic performance plans as you address the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The document includes guidance on the following areas:

- Mitigating the Risk of Spreading COVID-19 in Congregate Settings
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Qualified Vendor Preparedness
- Anticipatory Member Protections
- Identification of Members at High Risk for Developing COVID-19 Related Complications
- Cases of COVID-19 in Staff or Members
- Providing Care to Members Confirmed to Have COVID-19
- Social Distancing to Limit Spread of COVID-19
- Room Isolations
- Caregiver Guidance

Given that there is currently a nationwide shortage of PPE, ADHS has recently published guidance for optimizing the usage of PPE. Please see the link below:

<https://azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/novel-coronavirus/healthcare-providers/ppe-contingent-guidelines.pdf>

Surveys for Nursing, Therapies, and In-Home Services

DDD is continuing targeted outreach to Qualified Vendors of specific DDD services to better understand COVID-19's impact on services. DDD urgently requests that Qualified Vendors providing these services complete the survey as quickly as possible, but no later than Tuesday, April 7, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.:

Nursing: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DXTBYX>

Therapies: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VVNM8ZK>

In-Home Care (Attendant Care, Respite, Habilitation-Hourly, Housekeeping):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTNSXL9>

DDD will continue to assess capacity issues and other concerns for additional services in the days to come. We recognize the need to work in close partnership with the vendor community during this unprecedented time. We thank you in advance for your participation as well as your continued dedication and commitment to DDD members.

Please contact DDDBusinessOperationsComments@azdes.gov with any questions.