

## COVID-19: What we know today

### **DODD Guidance: Families First Coronavirus Response Act**

DODD released guidance today that says, in part, "...Based on the DOL guidance and the essential nature of services and supports to people served in the disabilities system, DODD concludes that DSPs and SSAs are health care providers and are thus exempt from the paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave provisions of the FFCRA..."

For the full memo, go to [Guidance: Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)

### **DODD Guidance: Onboarding DSPs**

With the many temporary changes made to the requirements for new DSPs, DODD released a helpful resource that lists the current requirements for new DSPs all in one place. [Resources for Onboarding Direct Support Professionals](#)

### **DODD Guidance on People Leaving Congregate Living Sites**

DODD's [COVID-19 FAQ](#) was changed to reflect the Director of Health's stay-at-home order. This guideline gives providers the option of refusing to allow a person who has left the home to return to the home or isolating the person for a 14-day quarantine upon return. This guidance applies both to ICFs-IID and to waiver group homes

### **ADS & NMT Payments**

On 3/20/20, DODD announced that they would release 2 weeks-worth of average waiver billing payments to providers of adult day support, vocational habilitation, group and integrated employment and NMT. These checks are beginning to be received by providers. There's reportedly no real explanation except on the check itself it says "COVID-19 sustainability payment."