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This letter is to ensure you have received notice from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that the Director of the Department has mandated consumers who have compromised immune systems or who are more susceptible to respiratory illness, and/or who

reside in the following home types, remain home rather than attend day services outside the

home:

- Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs
- Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled-Nursing
- Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled-Continuous Nursing.

This remains in effect for 30 days unless extended by the Director of DDS. The Director is authorized to issue this directive under Section §4639.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

San Andreas Regional Center recognizes that this has the potential to put an immediate burden on ARFPSHN and ICF home providers, as well as those who provide care to consumers with chronic health conditions that weaken their immune systems. Providers will need to document a plan for care and activities for each consumer.

San Andreas Regional Center stands ready to assist to ensure consumer rights, health, safety, and welfare are protected. Please email <a href="mailto:soe@sarc.org">soe@sarc.org</a> if your agency needs a service code added for day program funding during this temporary period. Please contact the consumer's Service Coordinator if you have an existing code and need a Purchase of Service (POS) for a consumer. We will work to expedite all requests.

Close communication is vital, as are your continued efforts to do everything possible in accordance with your facility Infection Control policies/procedures as well as those directives coming from your county Public Health Department, state Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Developmental Services, and Department of Social Services.

Your efforts and energy are much appreciated! In this challenging time, please remember to take good care of yourself, and remind your staff to do the same.

Please see the next page for an extensive list of reliable information resources.

Respectfully,

Julie Lussier Health Services Manager San Andreas Regional Center San Andreas Regional Center Coronavirus Information and Resources page: <a href="https://www.sanandreasregional.org/news/coronavirus-information-and-resources/">https://www.sanandreasregional.org/news/coronavirus-information-and-resources/</a>

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html</a>

California Department of Public Health:

(CDPH)https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx

CDPH Daily Updates and News Releases: <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/New-Release-2020.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/New-Release-2020.aspx</a>

CDPH Hand Hygiene: <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/InfectionPrevention.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/InfectionPrevention.aspx</a>

Santa Clara County Public Health Department Novel Coronavirus info page: <a href="https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx">https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx</a>

World Health Organization: <a href="https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus">https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus</a>

EPA-Approved disinfectants for surface cleaning: them <a href="https://eponline.com/articles/2020/03/11/epa-releases-list-of-effective-disinfectants-to-fight-covid19.aspx?m=1">https://eponline.com/articles/2020/03/11/epa-releases-list-of-effective-disinfectants-to-fight-covid19.aspx?m=1</a>

DSS has a dedicated email address for questions about COVID-19: cclcovid-19info@dss.ca.gov