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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REPORTING DEATHS RELATED TO COVID-19 IN SANDIS

This correspondence is in follow-up to the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) [March 25, 2020, Directive](#) regarding reporting incidents related to COVID-19 in SANDIS.

Consumer deaths related to COVID-19 should be reported under incident type "DEATH." The system will not allow any other incident type to be selected in conjunction with the death incident type. To ensure the Department and regional centers can identify and track deaths related to COVID-19, regional centers should do the following:

- On the Consumer Death Information screen, under Category/Type of Death, check "Other (Please specify ICD10)" and enter either of the following ICD 10 codes:
 - "U071" for COVID-19, virus identified
 - "U072" for COVID-19, virus not identified
 - Clinically-epidemiologically diagnosed COVID-19
 - Probable COVID-19
 - Suspected COVID-19

All other incidents related to COVID-19 should be reported in the manner described in the Department's March 25, 2020, Directive.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Tom Blythe at (916) 654-2426 or tom.blythe@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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