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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The purpose of this correspondence is to request regional centers' assistance coordinating outreach regarding availability of personal protective equipment and distribution to individuals and families served by regional centers, their support staff, service providers and community-based organizations serving individuals with developmental disabilities. The Department of Developmental Services (Department) has facilitated the ongoing acquisition of masks for each regional center which should be made available, when requested, to individuals and families, their support staff, service providers and community-based organizations. The Department is also working to secure surgical masks and hand sanitizer for community-based organizations throughout the state to distribute directly to families.

Additionally, as stated in the [California Department of Social Services' June 1, 2020, All County Letter](#), any In-Home Supportive Services recipient or provider may obtain essential protective gear, as specified, from county Public Authority offices.

Individuals and families served by regional centers, support staff, service providers and community-based organizations seeking masks should contact their regional center or the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) regional office serving their area. Contact information for regional centers can be found at www.dds.ca.gov/rc/listings, and information for SCDD regional offices can be found at www.scdd.ca.gov. Guidance about the different types of protective equipment and its use may be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/using-ppe.html.

Please share this correspondence with your staff, individuals and families you serve, service providers and community-based organizations.

Individuals and families served by regional centers, service providers and community-based organizations should contact their local regional center with any questions regarding this correspondence. Questions from regional centers should be directed to Christine Gephart at (916) 698-9567 or chris.gephart@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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Director

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