Residential Moves

For individuals engaging in a residential move it is important to understand that, even with prudent steps taken to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection, neither a provider nor the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) can guarantee that transmission of COVID-19 or its variants will not occur. This is regardless of vaccination status. Until further notice, placements/moves into provider managed settings may occur so long as the criteria below are met prior to move. Individuals moving into settings using self-directed employees are encouraged to follow this guidance:

- The Planning Team (PT) comprised of the individual, family, guardian, support coordinator, provider and other relevant parties must meet to discuss the overall risk a move poses to the individual’s mental and physical health, discuss safety protocols, and share relevant COVID-19 policies and procedures the provider and Division have in place. The Support Coordinator shall document this in the iRecord as a case note.
- A Receipt of COVID-19 Information Form must be reviewed and signed by the individual or their guardian (if they have one) before the move occurs. If the setting is provider managed, the provider shall retain this form.
- The setting adheres to relevant Division policies and implements practices in accordance with guidance issued by Federal and State health officials.
- The individual moving or any residents or staff in the proposed home must not have tested positive for COVID-19 and/or have displayed signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days.
- If an unvaccinated individual is moving, the provider must have documentation that a COVID-19 test was administered no more than 10 days prior to admission and be in receipt of a negative result from the lab administering that test before the individual moves in. The provider shall retain a copy of the negative result from the lab administering the test. This would not be applicable if the individual moving into the home was positive for COVID-19 in the last three months, considered recovered from the virus by their healthcare professional and asymptomatic of current infection.
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic for COVID-19 infection do not require a test before move so long as they or their caretaker do not report exposure (15 or more cumulative minutes within 24-hours) to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. A copy of the vaccination card shall be retained by the provider as documentation of this and available upon request. Should an exposure be reported, COVID-19 testing consistent with an unvaccinated person (see above bullet) shall be required, regardless of previous infection.
- All individuals moving into a provider managed setting must complete and pass a COVID-19 screening on day of admission before they enter the residence. Provider shall retain record of this screening.

All moves into and out of a provider-managed setting must be reported to the Division’s Provider Performance and Monitoring Unit (PPMU) before they occur. Reported moves or questions can be sent to DDD.PPMU@dhs.nj.gov. The Division will continue to assist providers that have identified a location they plan to use for quarantine purposes. For questions related to new programs or the development of quarantine space, contact your assigned program developer.

DDD Rental Subsidies through Supportive Housing Connection

New requests for Division rental subsidies through the Supportive Housing Connection (SHC) can continue to be made through the individual’s support coordinator. The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has informed the Division that there may be delays in unit inspections. To ensure timely lease signing, DCA is permitting submission of the Certificate of Occupancy for the site or an Owner Certification until a unit inspection can be secured. The Division will adopt this flexibility as well.