Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

April 17, 2020
Deputy Secretary’s Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- DDA Regional Office Update
- Kenneth A. Feder, PhD, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Questions
Deputy Secretary’s Opening Remarks

• The DDA’s highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
• We appreciate your on-going communication with the DDA about what you are dealing with and your efforts in supporting each other during this pandemic
• I hope you had the opportunity to read the resources I shared this week on how to request a “go-team” through your county’s local health department and local emergency agency
Regional Updates

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The DDA Commitment

• We will continue to share information and resources
• We will continue to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the people you support, their families, and staff
• We will help Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive
• We will continue to keep you updated as we learn about our Appendix K application
Responding to Outbreaks of COVID-19 in Homes for People with Developmental Disabilities

Maryland Department of Health
Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau

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• Working with your Local Health Department
• The testing process
• Go Teams
• Questions and Answers
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