Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

November 13, 2020

Deputy Secretary's Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Deputy Secretary Update
- COVID-19 Regional Update
- Heather Saunders, MPH, RN, CIC, Nursing Program Consultant at the Maryland Department of Health
- Questions

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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

- The DDA is committed to transparency with all of our stakeholders to ensure we are all working with the same information to support our shared missions

- Thank you for your continued support in joining me during these webcast so that we can stay in-touch and be able to provide you with the most current information

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Deputy Secretary's Update

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The DDA has given out five (5) rounds of PPE across all regions

- The DDA will continue to advocate to get another round of PPE

- Please contact your local health departments to receive PPE

- If you are having a hard time getting PPE from your local health department, please contact your Regional Director

- Providers are urged to advocate at their local level as the Governor has encouraged county leaders to utilize some of their remaining CARES Act resources to build up the supplies of critical PPE, particularly gloves, gowns, and masks

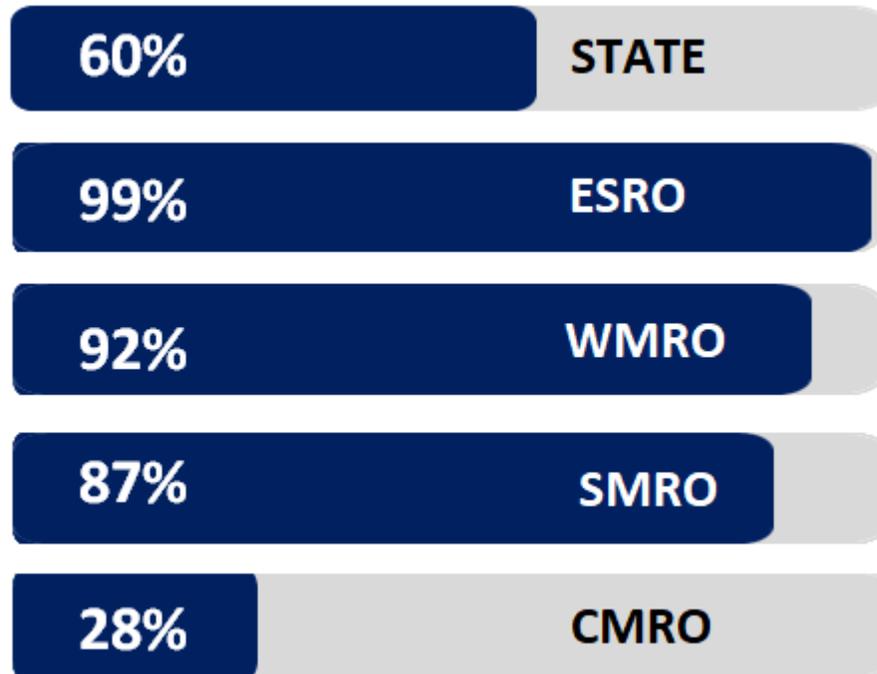**Maryland**
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- The DDA is working closely with our partners at Medicaid, with CMS, and with NASDDDS to continue to offer flexibilities through the Appendix K

- We are working with CMS and Medicaid to remove the requirement for consecutive days in our Appendix K so that providers can access up to 30 total days. We will share additional information and guidance once available

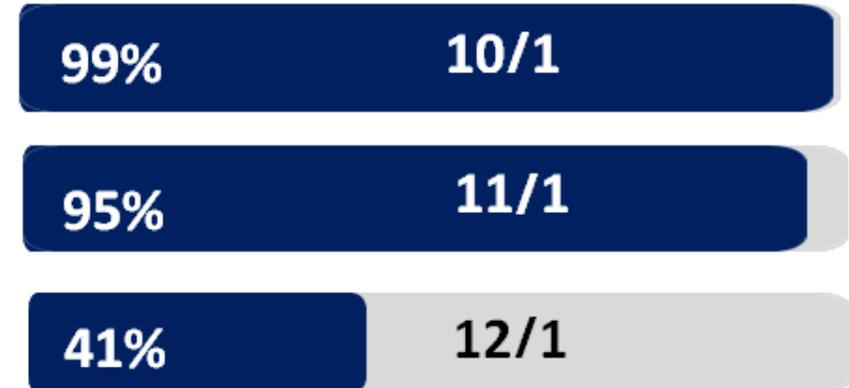- We will also look to extend the Appendix K, as needed. We will keep you informed as we learn more from CMS

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The following chart measure the % of Personal Supports PCPs that have been verified by regional office staff and data tracking from LTSSMaryland
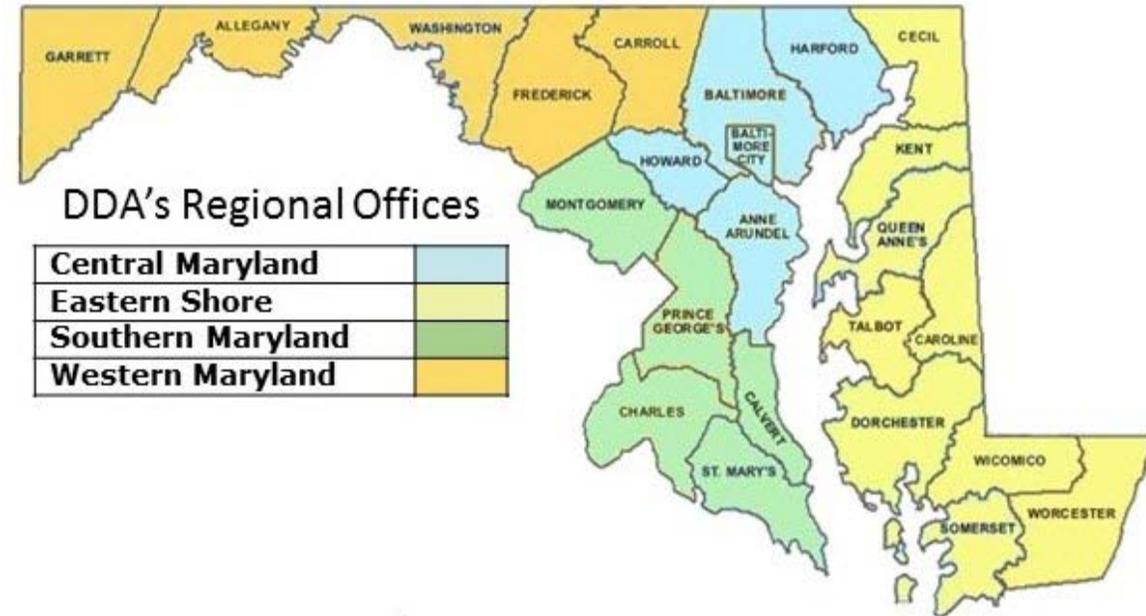
By Region

60%	STATE
99%	ESRO
92%	WMRO
87%	SMRO
28%	CMRO

By Go-Live Date

99%	10/1
95%	11/1
41%	12/1

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Deputy Secretary's Update

ISAS Billing Data

11/1/2020 Go-Live Summary				LTSSMaryland Data	
			Last Updated Time:	11/9/2020 8:13 AM	
Region	Go-Live Date	Total Clients In Region	% IVR Usage	# of Clients Success	# of Successful Clock-in/Out
Total		1590	**52.20%**	830	14952
Southern	11/1/2020	1026	45.03%	462	3715
Eastern	10/1/2020	295	58.31%	172	5989
Western	10/1/2020	269	72.86%	196	5248

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COVID-19 Regional Updates

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DDA's Regional Offices

Central Maryland	
Eastern Shore	
Southern Maryland	
Western Maryland	

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DDA Tracking

DDA Participants in Services
Week ending 11/12/2020

807, 4%

17764, 96%

- ■ DDA Participants
- ■ DDA COVID 19 Positive
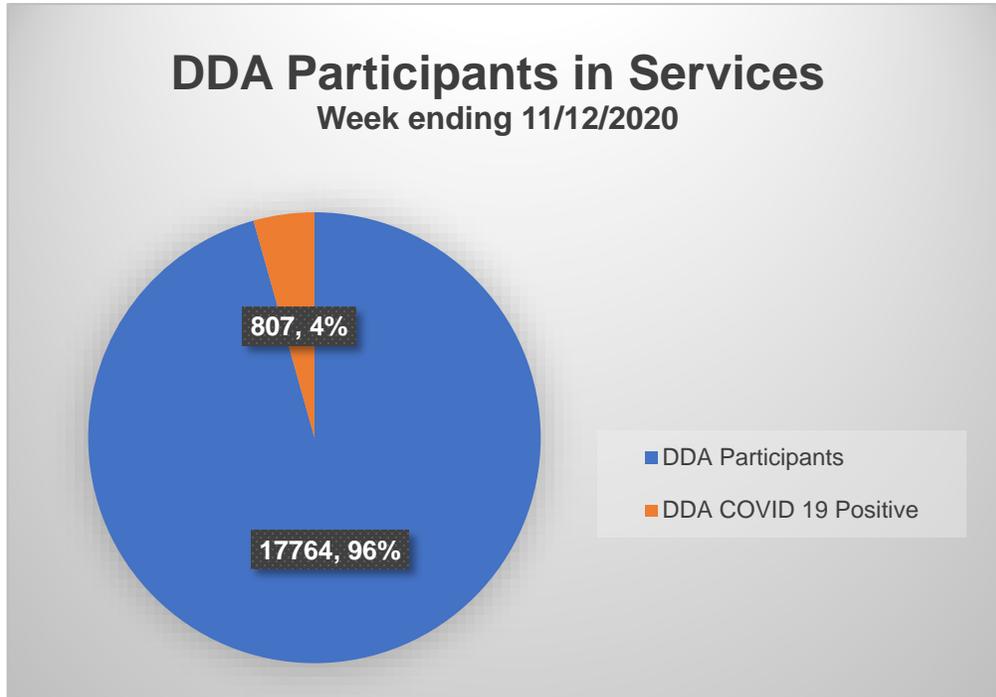
There are 17,764 people supported in services by the DDA of which 4% (807) have tested positive for COVID-19.

POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS BY REGION
WEEK ENDING 11/12/2020

— CMRO — ESRO — SMRO — WMRO
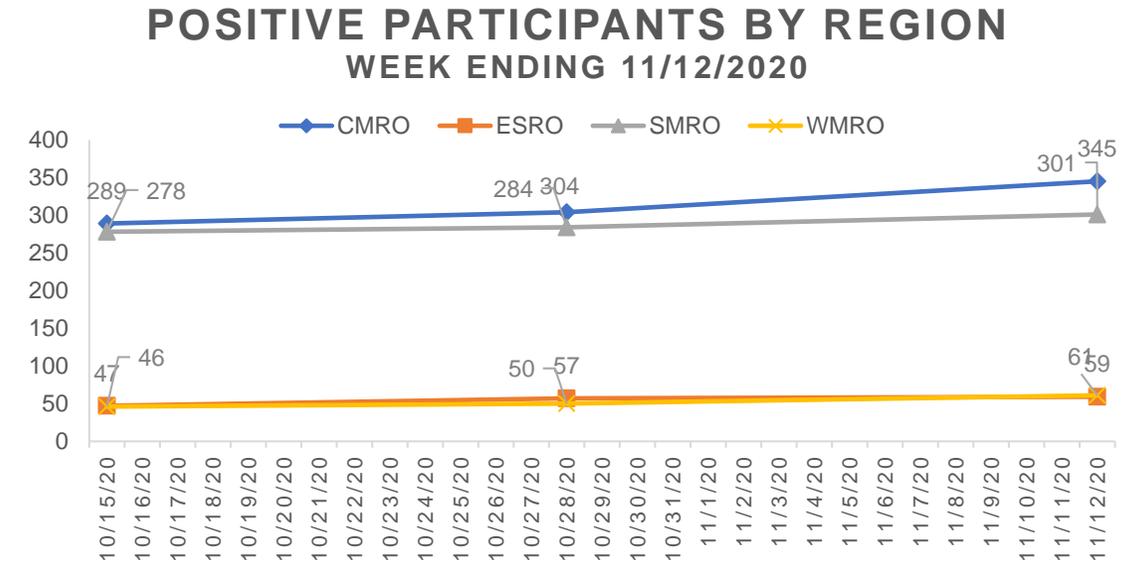
CMRO 345 Positive; Increase of   41
ESRO   59 Positive; Increase of   2
SMRO   301 Positive; Increase of   17
WMRO   61 Positive; Increase of   11

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DDA Tracking

POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS STATEWIDE
WEEK ENDING 11/12/2020
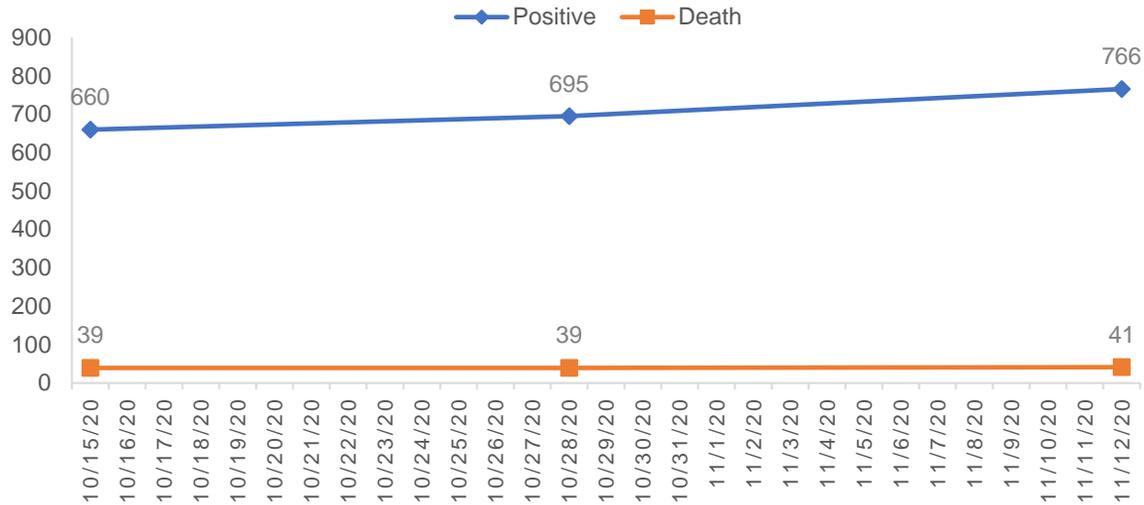
There have been 766 participants reported as having tested positive for COVID-19 of which there have been 41 deaths.

DDA COVID-19
Positives and Deaths
Week ending 11/12/2020
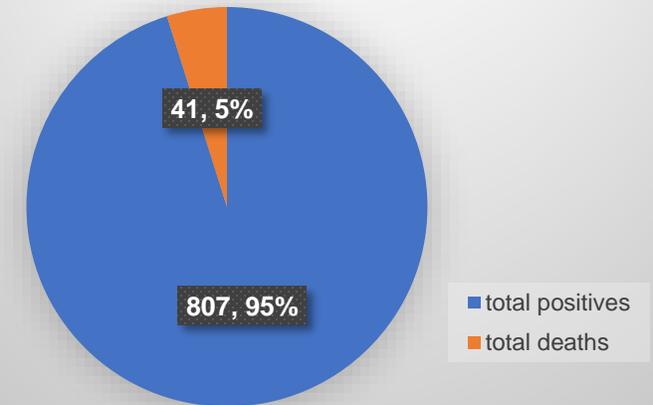
The 41 deaths represents approximately 5% of all (807) participants that tested positive.

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DDA Website Resources

To support stakeholder's awareness of information that has been shared and posted to the DDA website, we have enhanced our "What's New at DDA" dedicated page.

Under the heading of "DDA Monthly Communication Highlights" we will include monthly summaries of communications as a reference for you.

DDA Website Resources

"DDA Monthly Communication Highlights" are organized with direct links to reflect recent:
- Letters and Memos,
- Topic Specific Communications, and
- Webinars

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DDA Website Resources

To support our Person-Centered Planning efforts, we have also created a quick link on our website banner so that the information can be access from any DDA webpage the viewer is on.

This page also includes all the recent and updated PCP, DSAT, and Cost Detail Tool guidance.

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COVID-19 and the Holiday Season

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COVID-19 and the Holiday Season

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Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau

November 13, 2020

Objectives

- Review COVID-19 and how to stay safe

- Discuss concerns around the spread of COVID-19 during the holiday season

- Review options for modifying holiday plans

- Q & A

COVID-19 and How to Stay Safe

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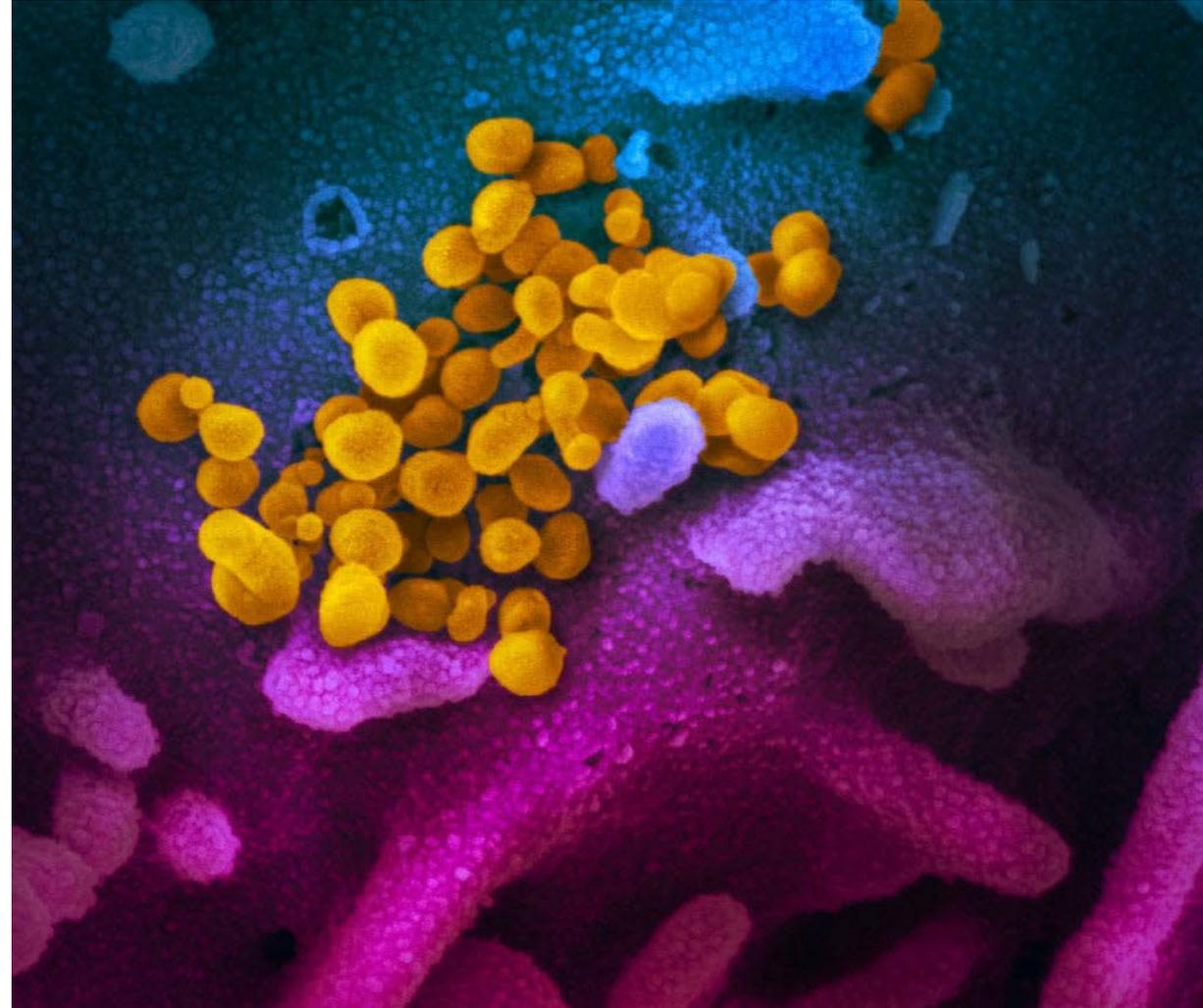
How Does it Spread?

- COVID-19 spreads easily from person to person, mainly by the following routes:
  - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet)
  - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, breathes, sings or talks
- People who are infected but do not have symptoms can also spread the virus to others
- Less commonly, the virus spreads through contact with contaminated surfaces and smaller airborne droplets

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What Should Everyone Do?

- Wash your hands often

- Avoid close contact

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth

- Cover your cough and sneeze

- Clean and disinfect

- Monitor your health daily

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html

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COVID-19 and the Holidays

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COVID-19 Current Situation

- The COVID-19 epidemic in the United States and Maryland is worsening

- Small household gatherings are a contributor to the rise in cases

- We can slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding or modifying small gatherings

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Concerns for Holiday Gatherings

- Most people celebrate the holidays with dinner around a table (i.e. no social distancing and masking)

- To prevent further spread through small gatherings, modifications need to be made to holiday gatherings

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Considerations for Holiday Celebrations

- Lowest risk - Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household (who are consistently taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19) poses the lowest risk for spread

- Medium risk – Participating in a small, socially distanced gathering with individuals outside of your household. Masks and social distancing is observed. Attendees sit at different tables or avoid a communal meal.

- High risk – A large non-socially distanced gathering without masks (i.e. traditional holiday gathering with traditional holiday dinners)

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html

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Who should NOT attend a holiday gathering?

- Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19

- Anyone who has been exposed in the last 14 days to an individual with signs or symptoms of COVID-19

- Anyone at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19
    - "If you are an older adult or person with certain medical conditions who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household."

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How can we reduce the risk of holiday gatherings?

- **Celebrate virtually and/or with members of your own household**
- Limit the number of attendees and enforce social distancing/masking.
- Host outdoor gatherings over indoor gatherings
- Avoid pot-luck style dinners
- Eat meals at least 6 feet apart or with members of the same household
- Avoid risky behaviors such as excessive consumption of alcohol

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Communicating with Staff, Residents, and Families Regarding the Holidays

- Host a virtual town hall to discuss your concerns and your staffs', families, residents' concerns

- Share/review the CDC information shared on today's call

- Encourage low risk options for celebrating the holidays

- Discourage out of state travel to states >10% positivity and require 14 days of quarantine for any staff who travels outside of the state for the holidays

- Provide opportunities for participation in virtual celebrations with family members

- Require 14 days of quarantine for residents returning from holiday gatherings

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Questions