

Day Program, IRSS & GRSS Technical Assistance with HCPF & CDPHE

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Purpose of Meeting:

- To engage stakeholders of residential & day program services, including Adult Day Services (ADS) & Day Habilitation services, both Specialized Habilitation (SH) & Supported Community Connections (SCC), as well as Individual Residential Support Services (IRSS) & Group Residential Support Services (GRSS)
- To provide clarity & the most recent information on how settings can reopen & operate for the remainder of the Public Health Emergency
- To provide stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions to both CDPHE & HCPF staff



Agenda

1. Updates on changes to service delivery for both ADS & SH/SCC services
2. Information on vaccinations
3. Information & resources related to the reopening & capacity of all day program services
4. Information on transportation
5. Information on residential settings
6. Q&A with HCPF & CDPHE Staff



Service Delivery Changes - ADS

- In September 2020, HCPF implemented changes to ADS, including a new 3-tier structure
 - Changes allow ADS to be provided either virtually or in-person, in 15-minute units, up to 3 hours/day or 2 hours/day for Brain Injury members
 - [Operational Memo 20-091](#) outlines changes
- HCPF is in the process of implementing these changes into regulations
 - Presented this morning to Medical Services Board (MSB)
 - Comments can still be submitted

ADS

- Members can receive both virtual (Tier-1, basic) and in-person (Tier-2, basic or specialized) ADS on the same day and within the same week. A full day, or Tier-3 ADS cannot be combined with other tiers on the same date of service
- Members can attend services 5 days a week
- ADS providers do not need to request a PMIP or update their records at a CSR. Documentation is only required for Specialized ADS



Service Delivery Changes - SH/SCC

- Beginning March 1st, HCPF implemented changes to SH/SCC
 - Allows SH/SCC to be provided using a 1:1 service delivery model, while remaining within the member's pre-pandemic utilization dollar limit
 - [Operational Memo 21-025](#) outlines changes
- HCPF will host a follow-up stakeholder meeting on **June 3rd** to determine the impact of these changes & whether HCPF should move forward with making these changes permanent

Limited Health Care Settings

- Both ADS & SH/SCC services are considered “Limited Health Care” settings & should follow guidance related to those types of settings
- [Colorado COVID-19 Dial Dashboard](#) provides information related to the status of each county & restrictions based on the county’s level
 - On the Dial Dashboard webpage, information related to setting capacity by county level can be found under “Level Restrictions”



Limited Health Care Settings

What does this mean for providers & members?

- Day programs can resume in-person, small group, day services for those members who feel comfortable returning to group settings
- Members who do not feel comfortable returning to a group setting, should receive services virtually or 1:1
- Requirements outlined in [OM 20-070](#) must be followed, including screening staff/members, wearing a mask, enhanced cleaning, etc.

Vaccine Resources

covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine

1-877-CO VAX CO
(1-877-268-2926)



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[CDPHE Interactive Map](#)



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Colorado COVID-19 Vaccine Finder Check for New Appointments

A tool to help you track down COVID-19 vaccine appointment openings at Colorado pharmacies. Updated every minute.

Step 1: Review your county's availability and CO's eligibility

Visit [Colorado.gov](https://colorado.gov) for detailed information about your county's vaccine options and review whether or not you are eligible yet.

You may be able to sign up for vaccines with a health provider in your area (Kaiser, SCL Health, your county, etc.), in which case you will be contacted when it's your turn and you may not need this tool.

[Visit Colorado.gov](https://colorado.gov)

Step 2: Use this tool to try and find a pharmacy appointment

If you decide you want to find an appointment at a local pharmacy (and are currently eligible for the vaccine), this tool might be able to help.

Rather than searching around on each pharmacy's website, we'll automatically scan the pharmacy websites and show you any available appointments we can find on one page.

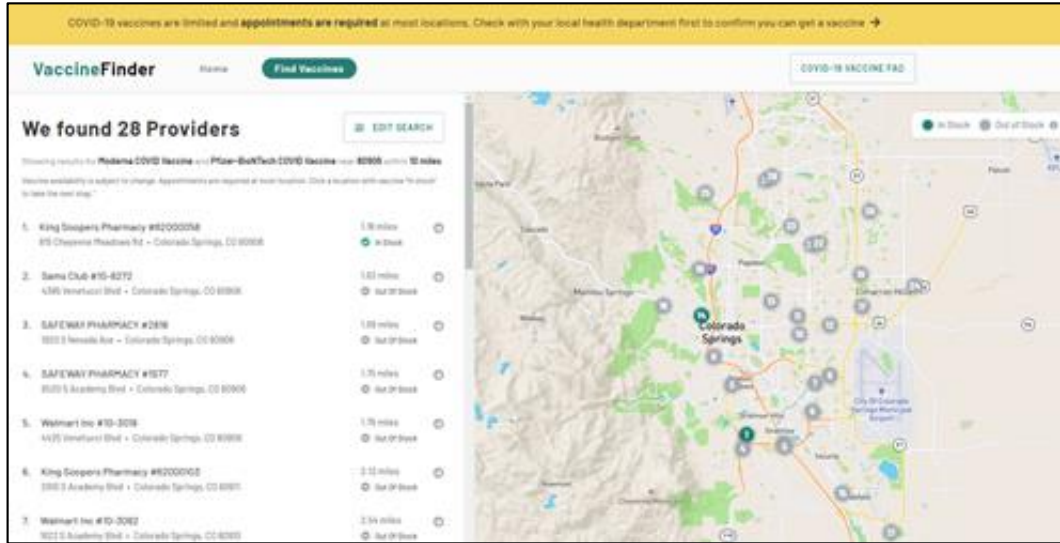
All CVS, Safeway, Sam's Club, Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Walmart locations in Colorado are scanned on a regular basis and this page is updated with any available appointments in the state. If you don't see locations near you right now, appointments can come and go quickly so try visiting the page at different times throughout the day.

3rd Party Tool that scans all CVSs, Safeways, Sam's Clubs, Pharmacies, Walgreens, and Walmarts for available appointments throughout the state

<https://vaccine-finder.nickm.org/>



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CDC Tool created to find providers with federally provided vaccines and their stock status

<https://vaccinefinder.org>



Vaccine Survey



- CDPHE/DPS conducting a survey to assess **healthcare workers access to vaccines**
- Survey was sent through Gainwell to each provider the morning on 3/12 - [LINK](#)
- Please complete **one survey** indicating the percentage of your frontline staff who have been vaccinated

Where are we now?

- No major changes at this time
- Push for vaccination!
- Residents of congregate settings may attend day programs without needing to quarantine
- Wear a mask and social distance
- Volunteers who are vaccinated can return to the center
- Even if all participants and staff are vaccinated, masks and social distancing are still required



Where are we heading?

- Communal dining
- More community activities
- CDC announcement on March 8th allowed those vaccinated to have more meaningful contact with others
- This announcement did not pertain to congregate care settings
- CMS guidance change on 3/10 allowed for increased visitation in nursing homes & considered vaccinations

Important to note that Colorado is seeing breakthrough cases in those who have been vaccinated & that while things are beginning to change, those who have been vaccinated can still get COVID. However, they have a dramatically lower chance of hospitalization & serious illness.



Vaccinations & Day Programs

- The state does not require vaccinations. Private businesses must make their own decision outside of the regulatory arena.
- The state will not require staff at any congregate setting to be vaccinated at this time
- Guidelines may change based on the percentage of clients & staff who have been vaccinated. Guidance will mirror current residential visitation guidance.
 - Visitation is limited in residential settings for unvaccinated residents if the setting's COVID-19 county positivity rate is >10% and if fewer than 70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated.



Residential Services

- Host Homes may be reported on the CDPHE outbreak, however addresses & any personal identifying information is redacted & typically only the PASA name is used. If this occurs, CDPHE will reach out to the Host Home directly.
- Testing for residential care staff will continue for the near future



Quarantine

- Residents needing to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status:
 - Residents who have had close contact/exposure to COVID-19 during contact tracing and meeting the criteria for quarantine
- How should residents complete a 14-day quarantine?
 - Place in a private room
 - Residents admitted on the same day cannot be cohorted & still require private rooms until the 14-day quarantine period has been met
 - Make all COVID-19 PPE (e.g., masks or N95 if available, goggles/face shield, gowns, gloves) available outside of the resident's room for staff to don prior to entering & doff prior to exiting
 - **Regardless of vaccination status**
 - **Testing cannot shorten this quarantine period**

Exception would be any residents who have had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 within 90 days & recovered (removed from isolation)



Quarantine for Staff

- Staff who have experienced a high-risk exposure at work or in the community (i.e., household contact with COVID-19) should be excluded from work for 14 days.
 - **Regardless of vaccination status**
 - **Testing cannot shorten this quarantine period**
- Staff who travel, regardless of vaccination status

Residential Care Settings quarantine guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1J8XurY-o0SsWHt-668sRCNAUVAJSTc9j/view>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B2ERnkuo2kcE_nj6LcXKw4W_isnpxUwg/view



Case Management Questions

- Only Tier III for Day Habilitation services will be pended for state review. No other additional approval is required
- The individualized dollar limit for Day Habilitation services should be prorated based on the number of months remaining in the member's service plan from when they added 1:1 services
- Members who received Supported Employment and are no longer working, will receive a dollar limit that includes the previous Supported Employment amounts included in the overall limit

Transportation

- At this time all restrictions still apply
- The Department is closely monitoring all CDC & CDPHE guidance around vaccinations & will update NMT guidance as soon as new guidance is published by either entity



CDPHE Surveys

- CDPHE survey work has resumed as normal
- Precautions taken include:
 - Regular COVID-19 testing for all surveyors
 - Surveyors have been properly fit-tested for N-95 masks
 - Surveyors have been trained on donning and doffing PPE
 - All surveyors have received both doses of the COVID-19

Vaccine



Key Guidance: Residential Care Settings

- [Fifth Amended Public Health Order 20-20](#)
- [Preparation and Rapid Response Checklist for Residential Care Facilities](#)
- [Vaccination Guidance \(3/5/2021\)](#)
- [Residential Care Strike Team Webpage](#)





Additional Questions?



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