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Reopening Visitation for DDS Campus Based Settings

DDS Public campus-based settings (Southbury Training School and public Regional Centers) are implementing a phased re-opening of visitation designed to protect the individuals that live and the staff that work in these unique settings.

In assessing these settings, it should be noted that a strength is the space that is available outside the home environments, with a variety of indoor and outdoor options. These components played an integral role in the re-opening discussion.

The continued barriers and concerns remaining in these settings are the high-risk nature of the large groups of individuals that are living together and the degree of co-morbidities that they each may bring to the discussion. Unfortunately, this means individuals living in these settings are at a very high risk of poor outcomes if COVID-19 transmission were to become active in these campus-based settings.

The [tools](#) identified by the Statewide Visitation committee are appropriate for the public teams to utilize in their discussions and planning. Teams are encouraged to meet and create a person-centered plan regarding visitation based on the phased reopening plans as detailed below.

Phase 1: To Begin 6/25/2020

Re-opening Visitation on Campus- outside of the home environment

All visitation to be held outside of the Home (Cottage) environment.

1. No visitors are allowed into the home environment.
2. A visitor is required to call 24 hours ahead and request to make visitation plans
3. Indoor and outdoor visitation sites at each campus setting will be established for reserve
4. Pre-planned visits are supported and guided by the established individualized plan developed by the team.
5. Prior to the visit, all parties participating in the visit must submit to the covid-19 health screening/temperature.
6. Use of social distancing, masks, hand washing hygiene will be required per DDS/DPH/CDC guidelines.
7. Cleaning routine will be established for the visitation sites. This includes cleaning during visitation and post visitation.
8. Transportation protocols for cleaning vehicles prior to and following use will be implemented.
9. Documentation of the visit will be maintained in each home and will include [Visitor screening form](#).
10. If Visitor or individual have any symptoms the visit will be cancelled.
11. If any of the person-centered guidance/team plan can't be implemented as developed for the visit, visit is cancelled/delayed until issues can be resolved.

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Phase 2: To Begin: 7/3/2020

Visitation of Individuals to Family/Friends Home/ (Community Outdoor Space, ie: park):

1. Family/Friend will pre-arrange an off-campus day visit at their home or specific identified site for gatherings up to 6 people.
2. Request for visit must be made at least 72 hours ahead of desired visit.
3. A Team plan must be in place for all supports necessary during visit.
4. Team plan and all information including activities and participants in the visit will be presented to manager for final authorization of visit, (at least 48 hours prior to scheduled visit.)
5. Prior to the visit, person with whom the individual will be supported, be staying with/participating in the visit must submit to the covid-19 health screening/temperature.
6. Use of mask/face covering if tolerated, social distancing if appropriate, hand washing is required as the visit plans dictate.
7. Documentation of the visit will be maintained in each home and will include [Visitor screening form](#).
8. If Visitor or Individual have any symptoms visit will be cancelled.
9. If any of the person-centered guidance/team plan can't be implemented as developed for the visit, visit is cancelled/delayed until issues can be resolved.
10. Plans must be individualized, considering health, behavioral health, physical supports, etc. that will be necessary to ensure safety during the visit.

Phase 3: To Begin: 7/15/2020

Community-based planned leisure/recreational Outing

Outings/leisure will be limited and require team planning and supervisory review, to assure risk factors have been considered, managed and mitigated.

1. Continue to assess each individual for mask wearing and implement training /support for masks, hand hygiene, social distancing, etc.
2. Retro-fit wheelchair vans with driver and passenger safety and protective devices, including hand sanitizer dispensers, shields, etc.
3. Develop transportation cleaning guidance for each home/vehicle, monitor
4. At Southbury Training School, modify community outing checklist and authorization protocol- assuring each trip has the appropriate individual plan and team authorization.