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**RE:** Provider Guidance- Transportation

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The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is issuing the following guidance regarding transportation of individuals supported by DDS.

**Transportation guidelines for individuals who are fully vaccinated, and no one is immunocompromised:**

- DDS strongly recommends individuals who are able to wear a mask continue to do so while being transported;
- Individuals should have an assigned seat;
- It is recommended that individuals from the same residential home and those assigned to the same cohort at the day program be transported together. When this is feasible, those individuals who reside in the same home and are transported together do not need to wear a facemask;
- Windows should be rolled down to increase ventilation (weather permitting) as long as this is not contraindicated based on an individual's medical condition;
- DDS strongly recommends social distancing while being transported is practiced as much as possible; and
- Individuals should avoid touching each other while being transported.

**Transportation guidelines for individuals who are immunocompromised, not vaccinated or vaccination status is unknown:**

- Everyone wears a mask unless they have a mask exemption form;

- Social distancing of six or more feet whenever feasible during transportation. When 6-feet is not feasible, physically separating individuals as much as possible is recommended.

This guidance is subject to change based on new and evolving guidance from our local, state and federal partners.

Thank you for everyone's ongoing efforts. For questions please contact [dds.covid19@ct.gov](mailto:dds.covid19@ct.gov)