



COVID-19 Safety Measures for Employees

Effective 9/15/2022 - changes are highlighted

Community Habilitation (Self-Hired and Agency Supported), Self-Hired Respite, Companion Care, Broker and Fiscal Intermediary Services

Guidance on Masks/Face Coverings

- Per OPWDD, Advocates is not requiring that employees wear a mask in indoor or outdoor public places unless the community venue requires a mask for entry. Employees are welcome to wear a mask if they are more comfortable doing so.
- If they choose to, people receiving services/families/designees may require that employees wear a mask while providing services depending on their comfort level.
- Employees should defer to the guidance of the person receiving services/family/designee when working within their private home.

Guidance on Community & Group Activities During Services

- Employees should continue to encourage social distancing in public places while providing support.
- Well-ventilated or outdoor activities are encouraged whenever possible.

Guidance on Providing Services Within a Mentor's Home

To safeguard the people we support, our employees and those residing in the employee's home, services may not be provided at a Mentor's home. This is an ongoing policy that will remain in effect beyond the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Contact information:

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