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# Considerations in Resuming Community Supervision Operations

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## Health and Safety Measures

- What CODIV-19 response measures will be implemented for staff and clients? Considerations: deep cleaning prior to staff returning; regular sanitation practices (high touch areas, bathrooms, office and meeting spaces); PPE required; PPE provided; availability and use of hand sanitizer; etc.); signs explaining safety procedures; testing measures (temperature taken); response to COVID-19 symptoms or exposure; etc.
- Can the **lobby and office space** be configured to promote social distancing guidelines? Considerations: remove excess furniture; mark 6 foot distance on chairs, floors, etc. using tape; add physical barriers to separate staff from clients (i.e. walls, windows, plexiglass); confidentiality for in-person communication; limiting use of paper and pens by clients and sanitization protocols when required; availability of Wi-Fi; etc.
- Consider remote and alternating hour staff work schedules to minimize the number of staff and clients in the office at one time.
- Explore options for no-contact payment of fees and confirmation of supervision requirements. Considerations: e-payment options; secure mailbox outside of the office/lobby for client payment and paperwork drop-off; etc.

# Case Management and Supervision

- Develop a communication plan for the public and advising clients of any new policies and procedures. Considerations: use of a website and/or social media; preferred client method of contact, etc.
- Develop policy and procedure for remote and in-person client assessments and appointments. Considerations: protocols for conducting in-person appointments; protocols for conducting remote appointments; staggering days and/or appointment times to reduce the number of staff and clients in the office; in-person contacts based on risk level; confidentiality; limitations of physical space (designate one office for in-person contacts); vulnerable and at-risk staff and clients; use of and availability of remote technology (Zoom (free licenses available through the Indiana Office of Court Technology), Microsoft Teams, WebEx, GoTo Meeting, telephone, TextNow, \*67); etc.
- Develop policy and procedure for home visits. Considerations: modifications for social distancing; frequency; tasks conducted at home visit; etc.
- Develop policy and procedure for administering incentives and sanctions and monitoring responsivity for in-person and remote client contacts.
- Develop policy and procedure for referrals and monitoring compliance with service referrals. Considerations: community availability; technology; monitoring options; etc.

- Develop policy and procedure for chemical testing. Considerations: protocols for staff collected samples; frequency and method(s) of testing; testing based on risk level;
  COVID-19 safety measures at the location samples are provided; multiple testing methods; access to needed supplies (testing kits, PPE, etc.) and services.
- Develop policy and procedure for **community service** requirements. Considerations: client health and safety; availability of PPE, etc.
- Develop policy and procedure for educational or cognitive behavioral classes.
  Considerations: social distancing guidelines; options for the provision of remote services (video or telephone), etc.
- Develop policy and procedure for **responding to violations** dependent upon severity. Considerations: staff authorized discretion; referrals to court; arrests; etc.
- Develop policy and procedure for processing Interstate Compact clients and clients returning from the Department of Correction.
- Develop policy and procedure for visitors.

## Resources

#### Indiana Judicial Branch

• Indiana Supreme Court - COVID-19 Resources

#### Indiana Executive Branch

Governor's Back on Track Indiana plan

## Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and Sanitation

- Association of Indiana Counties
- State PPE Vendors
- Recommended PPE for Correctional Facilities
- Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment
- Administrators at Correctional and Detention Facilities
- Staff at Correctional and Detention Facilities
- People Who Are Incarcerated at Correctional and Detention Facilities
- <u>Family Members of People Who Are Incarcerated at Correctional and Detention</u>
  Facilities
- Resources for Correctional and Detention Facilities Main Page
- CDC
- CDC-Workplace Decision Tree
- FEMA

### Case Management and Supervision

- Drug Testing Protocols
- Behavioral Health Treatment & Recovery (state)
- Mental Health Support
- Behavioral Health Treatment, Recovery, Support (federal)
- Treatment Courts
- Court Operations
- Child Services
- Correctional & Detention Facilities
- Unemployment Assistance
- Public Health Updates (state)

### **Grant Opportunities**

- Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- SAMHSA https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus
- IDOC's Community Corrections Division Grant Procedural Bulletins
- Indiana Office of Court Services Current awardees may contact <u>Angie Hensley-Langrel</u> to request transfer of funds to other allowable grant budget categories (drug testing, PPE, treatment services, videoconferencing equipment/software, cell phones for remote check-ins for participants).