DDRS Provider & Case Manager Monthly Webinar
April 7, 2021

Welcome and Today's Agenda

- DDRS Goals
- COVID-19 Data Update
- Appendix K Updates
- Vaccine Distribution Updates
- Emergency Back Up Plans
- HCBS Settings Rule
- Mask Mandate
- IDOH Resources

DDRS Goals for COVID-19 Efforts

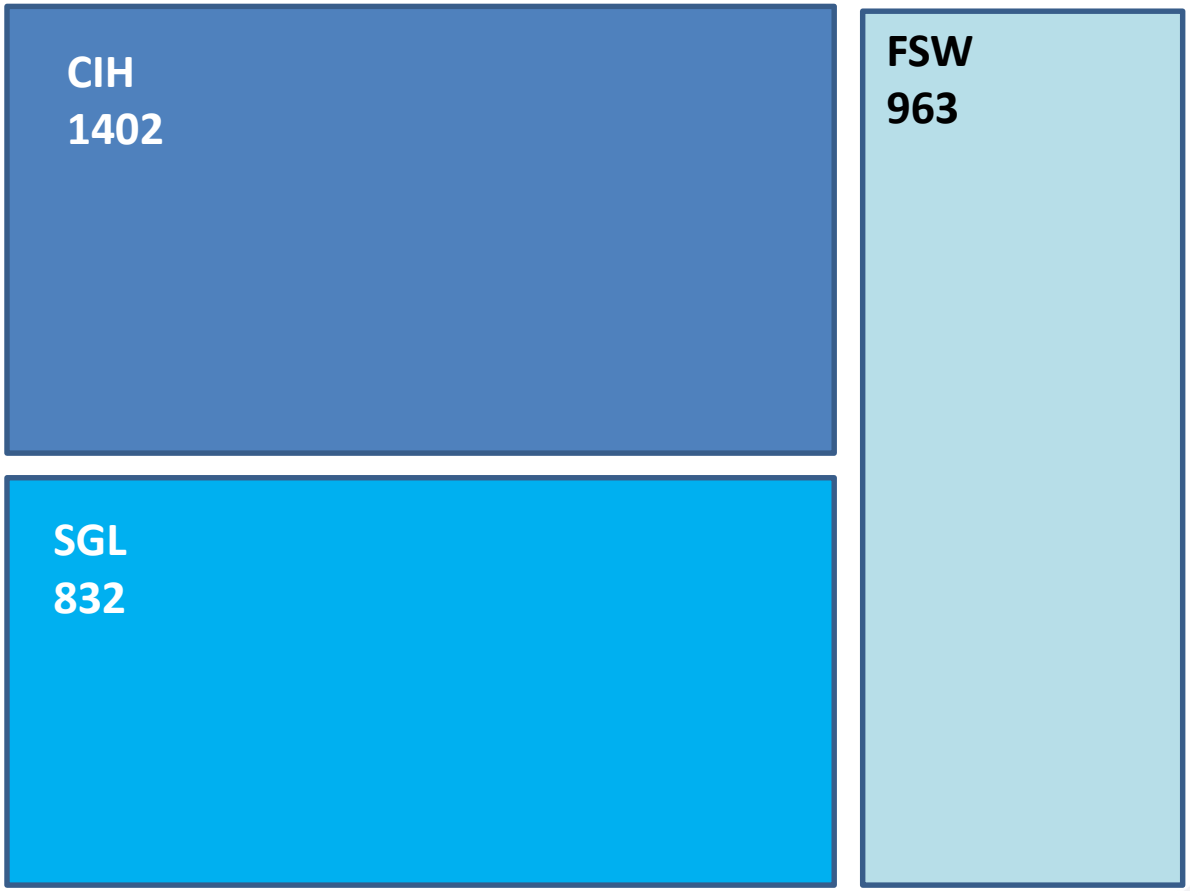
Help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep people alive

Operationalize flexibilities

Provider network maintained

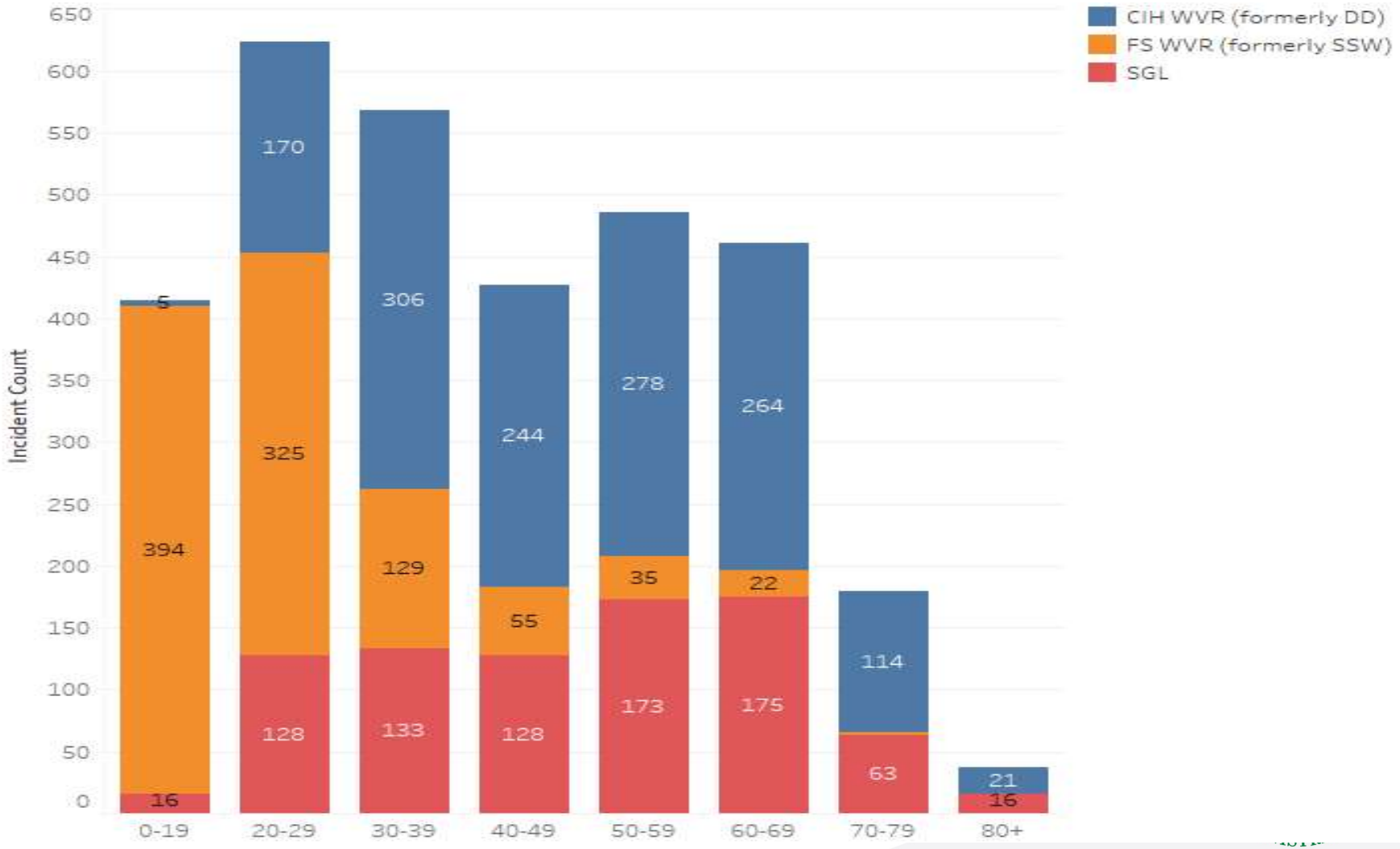
Empower person-centered decision-making for self-advocates, families, case managers, and providers

COVID-19 Data: Total Number of BDDS COVID Positive Cases

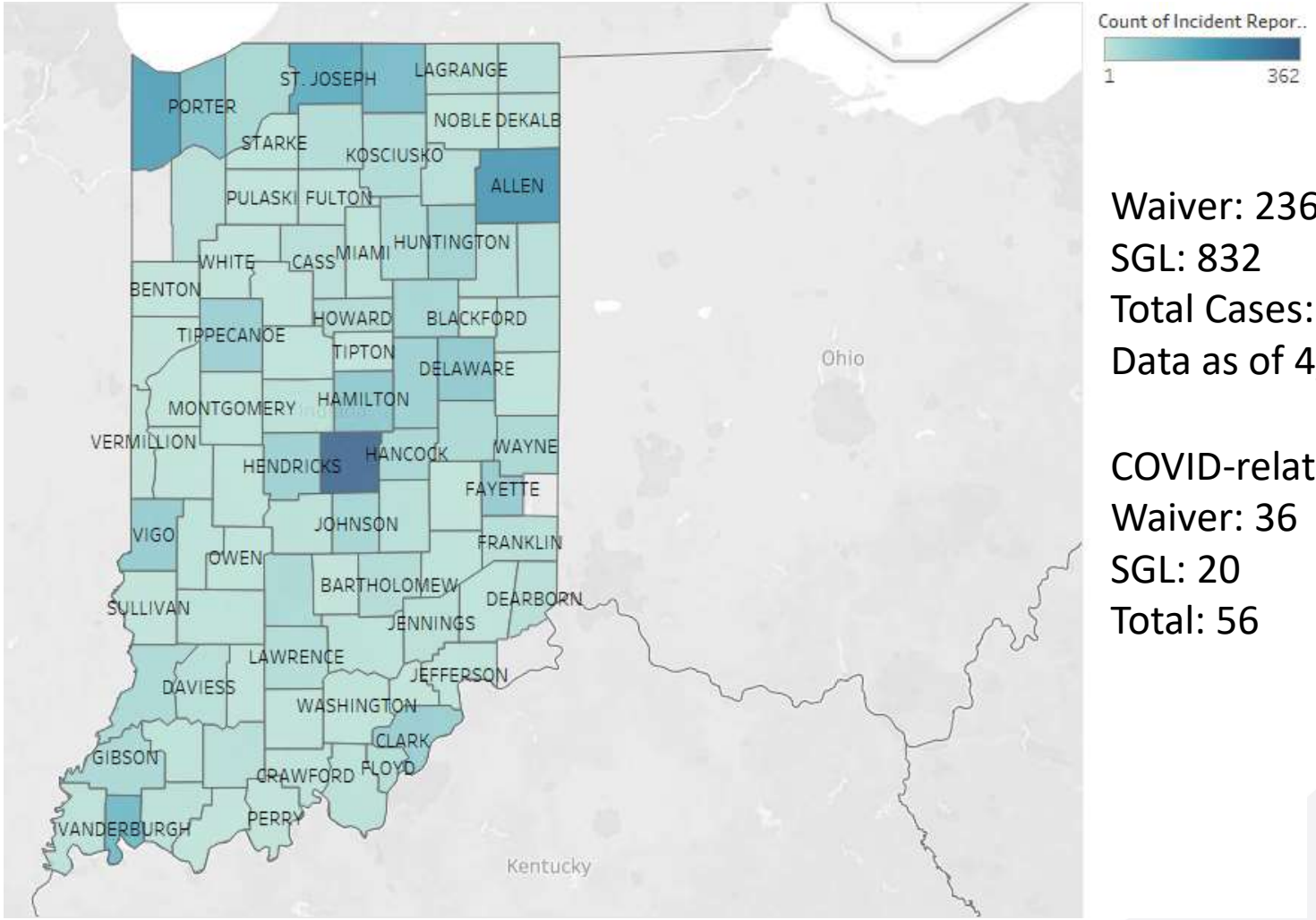


Total Cases: 3197
Total COVID-Related Deaths: 56

COVID-19 Data:
Age Among Unique COVID Positive Cases



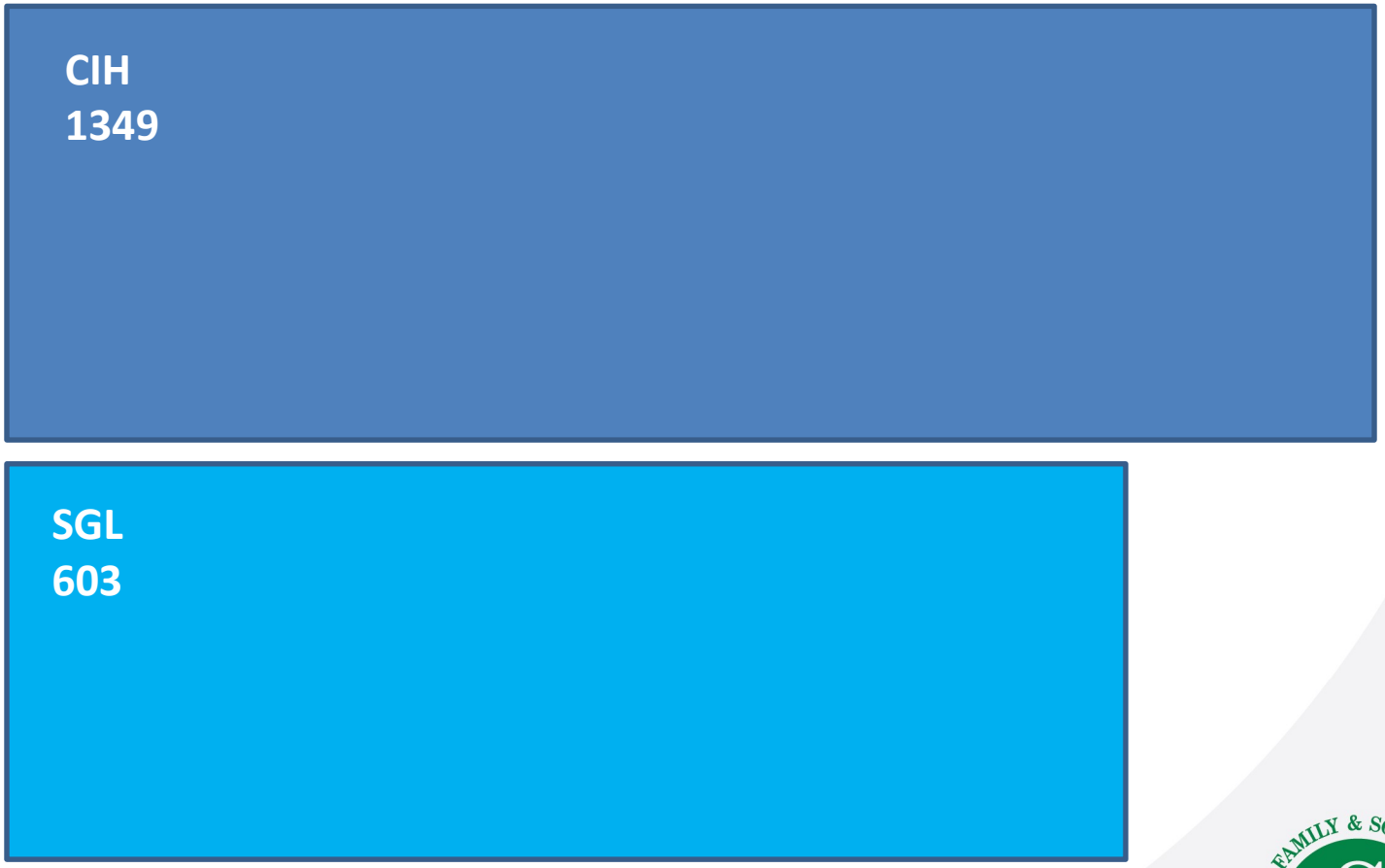
COVID-19 Data:
COVID Positive Cases by County



Waiver: 2365
SGL: 832
Total Cases: 3197
Data as of 4/5/2021

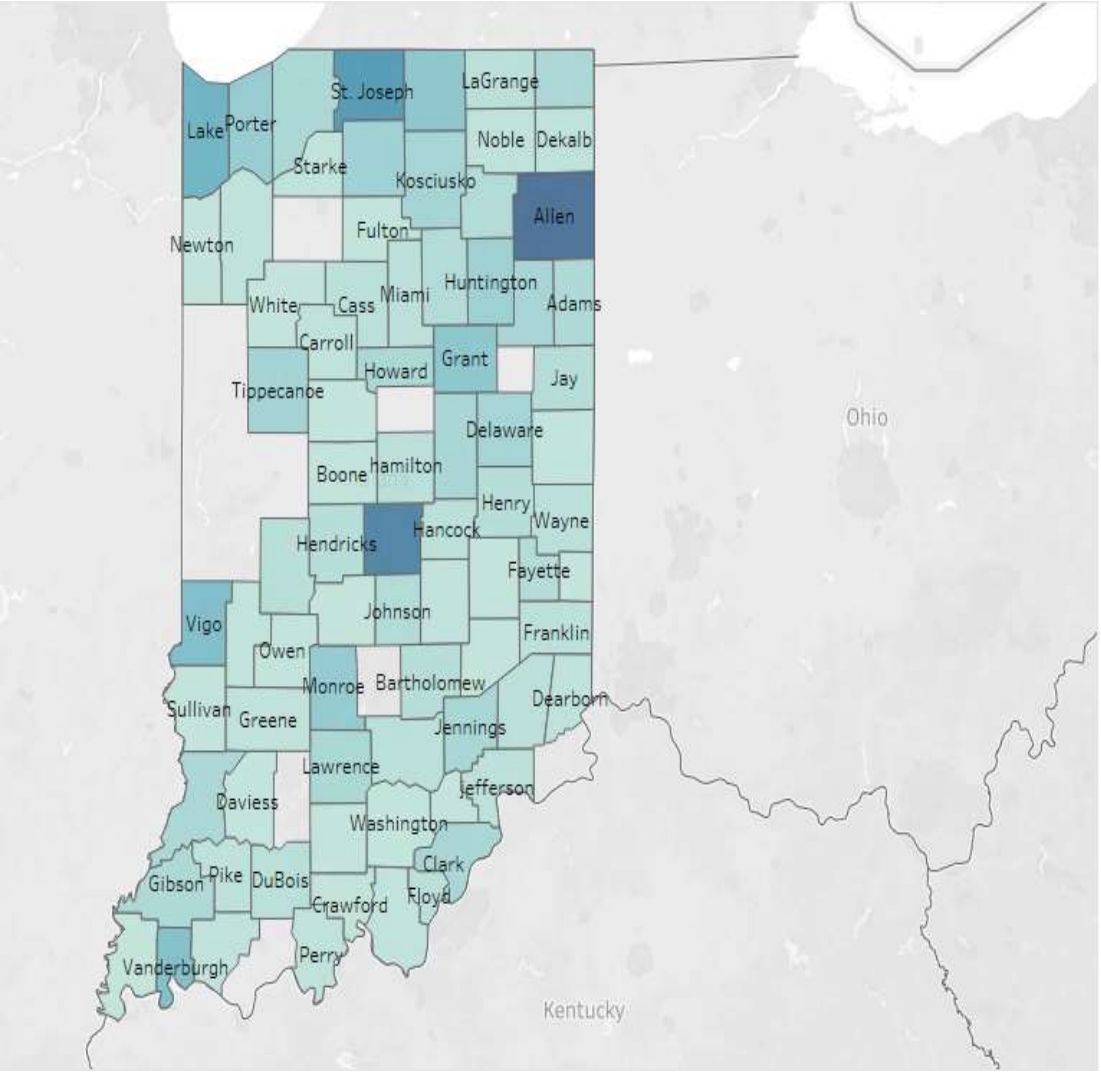
COVID-related deaths
Waiver: 36
SGL: 20
Total: 56

COVID-19 Data: Total Number of Staff COVID Positive Cases



Total Cases: 1952
Total COVID-Related Deaths: 5

COVID-19 Data: Positive Staff Cases by County



1952 Total Cases
Data as of
4/5/2021

Total COVID-related deaths- 5

COVID19 – Appendix K Update

Extension allows for Appendix K to be in place for 6 months after the end of the public health emergency

For guidance and resources visit DDRS COVID-19 Webpage: https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-for-ddrs-stakeholders/

Vaccine Distribution Update

Individuals receiving BDDS services and residing in *congregate settings:*

- Initial COVID-19 vaccines between February 25, 2021 and March 5, 2021.
- 2nd COVID-19 vaccine between March 25, 2021 and April 6, 2021
- This effort has involved over 4,800 individuals served by over 70 providers across over 75 Walgreens stores and 7 providers who became vaccine providers.

Ages 16-49 non-congregate settings:

- As of March 24, 2021, 5,717 individuals interested in receiving the vaccine were entered into IDOH's vaccine system.
- Approximately 1,475 individuals had already received the vaccine.
- 83 individuals were entered into the Homebound system.

Vaccine Distribution Update

Eligibility

- All individuals 16 and older can access the vaccine
- Sign-up at ourshot.in.gov

BDDS Guidance

- https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/IN_COVID-19%20Quarantine%20Guidance%20LTC%2002.15.21.pdf

Vaccine & Informed Choice

Center for Public Representation

Resource Available on:

Supporting Individualized Informed Choice: Conversations About The COVID-19 Vaccine

Emergency Back Up Plans

Providers and Case Managers should still be working on emergency back up plans that address staffing shortages

Case Managers

- Talking with individuals and families that brainstorm possibilities for supports which may include
  - What does the person do well that can be leveraged or expanded upon
  - Utilization of Appendix K Flexibilities
  - Utilization of other waiver supports such as remote supports
  - Relationships that may be able to provide some supports
  - Technology that can be leveraged for support
  - Community activities and resources for support

- Communicating the plan to the IST
- Facilitating the plan with the IST
- Ensuring the individual and family's rights and consent

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Providers

- Specific to staffing shortages
- Should be having **advance** communication with individuals & families on staffing challenges that include determining how individual may be supported if/when staffing is not available (remote supports, family members, etc)
- Communicating with BDDS **before** staffing challenges become a crisis
- Communicating the plan to the IST
- Ensuring the individual and family's rights and consent

Reminder: Purpose of HCBS Services

- Provide access to **meaningful and necessary services and supports in the home and community** rather than in an institution
- Seeks to implement services and supports that **respects the individual's preferences, aspirations, and health and safety needs**
- Ensures that services are **cost-effective**
- Facilitates the individual's **involvement in the community** where he or she lives and works
- Facilitates the individual's **development of social relationships** in his or her home and work communities
- Facilitates the individual's **independent living**

HCBS Settings Rule

Expectations from BDDS and BQIS on Person Centered Plans	Center for Medicare & Medicaid	State of Indiana	LifeCourse Framework
The PCISP is driven by the individual/family AND the individual is present for their meetings	✓	✓	✓
The outcomes, wants, and needs are centered on the individual's and/or family's vision for a good life.	✓	✓	✓
Their desires, cultural beliefs, and values are recognized, respected, embraced, and reflective in outcomes, formal services, and community activities.	✓	✓	✓
The PCISP demonstrates the individual's informed choice and allows for opportunities for learning.	✓	✓	✓

HCBS Settings Rule Resources

A fact sheet for individuals and families is now available on the BDDS webpage. This fact sheet provides a high-level overview of the type of protections the final rule enforces for individuals in HCBS waiver settings.

A short video is also available on the BDDS webpage. This video provides information on the technical aspects of the HCBS Final Rule and how that may impact waiver service providers.

Stay tuned for additional resources, including training, webinars, etc.

Face Coverings/Mask

Executive Order 21-09

Every individual within the State of Indiana shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when:

- Inside all state government buildings, offices and facilities
- Outside on state property where six ft of social distancing cannot be achieved and maintained
- At a COVID testing or vaccination site
- At a K-12 educational facility
- In all other public locations, all individuals are ***encouraged*** to wear a face covering

MASK ADVISORY 4/6/21:

As an advisory, it will now be left up to businesses and local governments to enforce mask wearing if they so choose. Wearing masks remains a safety measure recommended by the Center for Disease Control to reduce the spread of COVID-19

Face Coverings/Mask

ALL DECISIONS SHOULD BE PERSON-CENTERED AND DRIVEN BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY

When determining return to "normal" activities such as day programs, community outings and/or home visitations providers, case managers, individuals and families should consider

- Local county restrictions
- Local county infection rates
- CDC Guidelines and Recommendations
- Vaccinations (who has received it, who has not)
- At risk conditions of the individuals

IDOH Public Resources

IDOH Isolation and Quarantine Calculator

- Describe situation (tested positive, have symptoms, someone in home tested positive, been exposed)
- Ask additional questions based upon response
- Provide detailed recommendations on isolate/quarantine

CDC Corona Virus Self Checker

- Asks questions on symptoms, possible exposure, provides recommendations

Information & Resources on the Virus, Vaccines, Testing

- Fact Sheets & FAQ
- Guidance & Recommendations

thank you!

Please watch DDRS Announcements for information on next month's webinar