**COVID-19 Resources for Employment Service Providers**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency for California, as a result of the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak that began in December 2019. Due to the State of Emergency declaration as well as but not limited to Governor Gavin Newsom March 19, Stay at Home Order, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and the California Department of Education (CDE) have created and continue to update information on their websites regarding COVID-19 including information to assist with the delivery of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As we face changes in almost every part of our lives, the safety of all Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their service providers are our highest priority. To help limit the spread of COVID-19, departments, their district offices, regional centers, and service providers are dedicated and working with consumers and their communities to identify different ways to continue working at essential jobs while being fully protected from the COVID-19 virus.

Below is a list of links from the departments websites that provide COVID-19 related employment information for individuals seeking employment services during this unprecedent time.

The list has been divided into DDS Directives, DOR Public Forum transcripts and Frequently Asked Questions, CDE COVID-19 Information, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Covid-19 protections, and Creative Service Solutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DDS DIRECTIVES**

* April 2, 2020: [Extension of Waivers, Modifications and Directives due to COVID-19](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DDSDirective_Extensions_04022020.pdf)
* March 30, 2020: [Guidance for Additional Participant-Directed Services](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DDSDirective_AdditionalParticipantDirectedServices_03302020.pdf)
* March 18, 2020: [Guidance for Flexibility in Provision of Services and Supports for Consumers and Providers ◦Directive Summary](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DDSDirective_AdditionalWaivedRequirements_03182020.pdf)
* March 12, 2020: [Guidance for Regional Centers to Pay Vendors for Absences as a Result of COVID-19](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19_2020StatewideStateofEmergency_20200312.pdf)
* March 12, 2020: [Guidance for Waiving Requirements for In-Person Eligibility, Services, or Individual Program Plan Meetings and Authority to Regional Centers for Health & Safety Waiver Exemptions](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DDSDirective_RequirementWaivedDueCOVID_031220.pdf)

# **DDS Vendors and Service Providers COVID 19 Resources**

* <https://www.dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/>

# **DOR Message from the Director Regarding COVID-19**

* [https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/COVID19DirectorMsg\](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/COVID19DirectorMsg/)

# **DOR Programs and COVID-19 Response**

* [Public Forum Transcript: Grantees and Advisory Board Stakeholder Forum (3.18.20)](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Content/DorIncludes/documents/PublicInformation/Grantees%20Public%20Forum%203.18.20%20Accessible.docx)
* [Public Forum Transcript: Service Providers, Cooperative Programs Partners, and Advisory Body Members Stakeholder Forum (3.18.20)](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Content/DorIncludes/documents/PublicInformation/CRPs%20and%20CoOps%20Public%20Forum%203.18.20%20Accessible.docx)
* [Public Forum Transcript: Grantees and Advisory Board Stakeholder Forum (3.16.20)](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Content/DorIncludes/documents/PublicInformation/Grantees_Public_Forum_3-16_Accessible_(1).docx)
* [Public Forum Transcript: Service Providers, Cooperative Programs Partners, and Advisory Body Members Stakeholder Forum (3.16.20)](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Content/DorIncludes/documents/PublicInformation/CRPs_and_CoOps_Public_Forum_3-16_Accessible_REVISED.docx)

# **CDE Information**

* <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp>

# **CDPH Information**

* <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

# **CDC Information**

* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

# **Creative Service Solutions During COVID-19**

* [Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)](https://apse.org/)
* [Strategies for Providing Remote Employment Services](https://www.gotostage.com/channel/eb9d19b46d314fe8950b9d039aa4ba0d/recording/57c6478a237346d4acc45d335540c92b/watch/2737314867606478093)
* [Application (apps) Examples List](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GmsrO9JBuOJByN-pxCAA2jEsPUqzHyfNi2QA5QsoIB0/edit)
* Includes apps for:
* Communication
* Emotional Management
* Independent Living
* Picture Schedules
* Note Taking
* Social Skills
* Task Sequencing and Productivity
* Times
* To Do Lists
* Transportation

[**Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**](https://askjan.org/)

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. Working toward practical solutions that benefit both employer and employee, JAN helps people with disabilities enhance their employability, and shows employers how to capitalize on the value and talent that people with disabilities add to the workplace.

[**Griffin-Hammis Associates (GHA) COVID-19 Supports**](https://www.griffinhammis.com/resources/covid-19-guidance/)

GHA is offering a series of free webinars dealing with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Customized Employment including:

* Families and Customized Employment During Changing Times
* Why a Consultative Approach to Customized Employment Makes Sense During the Coronavirus Pandemic
* Post-Pandemic and Social Transformation Community Employment Policies 2021-2030
* PASS as a Resource in Post-Pandemic Planning