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Immediate Guidance to Adult Day Service Providers

On March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker declared a state of emergency based on guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This past week a national state of emergency was declared, and Governor Pritzker has directed additional community mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of further transmission of COVID-19.

Adult Day Centers provide crucial services to many of our most vulnerable seniors and their families. However, given the imperative to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, IDoA is mandating Adult Day Centers temporarily suspend services for a minimum of 30 days. IDoA will continue to provide guidance as to suspension of services beyond this time period. To protect the health, safety and welfare of our participants and provide as much notice to their caregivers as possible each ADS must **close by the end of business Monday and:**

- **Provide up to 48-hour notice of temporary closure to participants, their responsible caregivers and/or emergency contacts;**
- **Ensure a back-up plan exists to protect participants during the temporary closure such as coordinating continued care through the Care Coordination Unit (CCU), Department of Human Services (DHS) (e.g. Medicaid Care Organization (MCO), Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) participants) and Veterans Affairs (VA) by providing additional in home services and/or initiating in home services, consideration of Automated Medication Dispensers (AMD) for participants who need assistance with medication adherence, and the provision of home delivered meals;**
- **To preserve access for clients and maintain our ADS network, the Department will be issuing a capacity grant per site to be used for maintaining staff, space, utilities, cleaning and other necessary operational expenses. The Department will require documentation from each ADS site regarding expenditures specific to sustaining capacity. A format for reporting will be forthcoming.**

IDoA is committed to protecting all older adults during this time and will continue to assist our partners across the Aging Network as we collectively take steps to ensure continuity of care and minimize disruption of services. Please contact Chrystal Alexander here at DoA with any questions – Chrystal.Alexander@illinois.gov or 217-557-8312.

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