



Cantalician Center for Learning Reopening Safety Plan Day Habilitation Services – Certified Day Hab

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**Interim Guidance Regarding the Reopening of Day Services
Certified by the Office for People With Developmental
Disabilities**

This Interim Guidance provides guidelines for OPWDD’s certified day programs and services, both site and community based including Day Habilitation, Prevocational Services, Sheltered Workshops, Day Treatment, and Respite, to resume operations safely and consistently with the Governor’s NY Forward initiative. OPWDD is committed to resuming full access to services for individuals, as well as to maintaining health and safety standards, social distancing directives, and precautions to help protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Effective July 15, 2020 for regions of the State that have entered into Phase Four in accordance the New

York Forward Reopening Plan, these guidelines replace the March 17, 2020 guidance entitled *Immediate Temporary Suspension of Day Program Services* and set forth minimum requirements based on best-known public health practices at time of the State’s reopening. The documentation and sources referenced in these guidelines are subject to change. The day programs responsible for implementation and monitoring of these guidelines are required to adhere to all applicable local, state and federal requirements, remain well-informed with any relevant updates and to incorporate as needed into operating practices and site-specific Safety Plan. Each day program has authority to implement additional precautions and/or increased restrictions necessary to meet program specific and individual specific needs.

Standards for Reopening Day Program Operations

OPWDD certified day programs may only reopen if they meet minimum State and Federal safety requirements as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), New York State Department of Health (DOH) and OPWDD while also meeting the minimum standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The requirements contained within this guidance apply to all OPWDD certified day programs and services which resume operation during the continued COVID-19 public health emergency, until amended or rescinded by the State. The OPWDD day program shall be responsible for meeting these minimum standards. Please note that where guidance in this document differs from other guidance documents issued by the State or Federal governments, the more recent guidance shall apply.

Please note that any outdoor space that belongs to and/or is exclusively used by a certified day program site is not considered a public place for the purposes of this guidance. Individuals receiving services are not required to wear a face covering when utilizing the outdoor space that belongs to and/or is exclusively used by the day program, as long as social distancing from other day program participants and staff and essential visitors can be maintained.

Signage must be posted throughout the certified site addressing critical COVID-19 transmission prevention and containment. Programs can use the DOH issued signage or develop customized signage specific to their day program needs and location. Signage must include guidance regarding:

- Social distancing requirements.
 - Posted throughout the building
- Use of mask or cloth face-covering requirements.
 - Posted at entrance.
- Proper storage, usage and disposal of PPE.
 - Posted on bulletin board.
- Symptom monitoring and COVID-19 exposure reporting requirements.
 - Posted at entrance.
- Proper hand washing and appropriate use of hand sanitizer.
 - Posted at hand hygiene and hand washing stations.

Required Day Program Reopening Plans

All day programs must develop a safety plan for reopening that addresses the requirements contained herein and provide said plan to the OPWDD Division of Quality Improvement via the Quality Mailbox at quality@opwdd.ny.gov . Plans should be submitted prior to the reopening of the day program and must include the attached attestation, agreeing to implement all required safety precautions and guidelines.

All day programs and the responsible parties must maintain and have available completed safety plans on site. The State has made available a business reopening safety plan template to guide business owners and operators in developing plans to protect against the spread of COVID-19, such safety plan templates can be found at forward.ny.gov.

A. Entrance to Site Based/Participation in Community Based Programs

All staff and individuals, as well as any essential visitors, must be screened prior to entry into the day program site and monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 thereafter.

Each day program must designate a supervisory level staff or health care professional to conduct daily screenings. Screeners should be provided and use PPE, including at a minimum, a face mask and gloves and may include a gown, and/or a face shield. The screener must document health screenings of all individuals and staff. Staff screenings will document if the screening was passed or the staff was sent home, no health information will be recorded. All staff screenings will be secured in a locked area. Screeners must require individuals and staff to self-report, to the extent they are able, any changes in symptom status throughout the day and identify a contact person who staff and/or individuals should inform if they later are experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms.

- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures and a Health Screening Questionnaire that address this section.
- The Day Hab has trained support staff conducting initial screening and temperatures when they are picking them up to bring them to the day program. Family members / IRA staff will need to assist with answering the questionnaire when necessary on behalf of the person receiving services. Supervisory level staff oversee the screening procedures.

The health screening assessment should ask about (1) COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days, (3) close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days and/or (4) travel from within one of the designated states with significant community spread. Assessment responses must be reviewed every day and such review must be documented.

- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures and a Health Screening Questionnaire that address this section.

Any individual or staff exhibiting signs or symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival will not be allowed to enter the program building. They will be required to return home until they are fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications (e.g. Advil, Tylenol)

- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures and a Health Screening Questionnaire that address this section.

If symptoms begin while at the day program, the individual or staff must be sent home as soon as possible. The program must keep sick individuals and staff separate from well individuals and staff.

- The 2039 sensory room will be utilized as the site's "temporary quarantine room".

Any individual or staff sent home should be instructed to contact their healthcare provider for assessment and testing. The day program must immediately notify the local health department and OPWDD about the suspected case. The day program should provide the

individual or staff with written information on healthcare and testing resources, refer to DOH Testing guidance (<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing>)

- Individuals sent home from program shall consult with their healthcare practitioner prior to returning to the program;
- Staff sent home shall comply with appropriate return to work guidance and shall consult with their supervisor prior to returning to work.
 - CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures that address this section.

Individuals may not return to or attend the day program while a member of their household or certified residence are being quarantined or isolated. If an individual or staff member is identified with COVID-19, the day program must seek guidance from State or local health officials to determine when the individual/staff can return to the program and what additional steps are needed. A directory of local health departments can be found at: https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/

- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.
- This information will be communicated to all persons receiving services, families/IRA's, and staff.

All staff and individuals must perform hand hygiene immediately upon entering the program and throughout the day.

- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures that address this section.
- Hand hygiene stations are available at screening station. Persons receiving services and staff will be prompted to utilize them for hand hygiene upon entry into the site.

Day program services must designate a site safety monitor whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with all aspects of the site safety plan.

- Training and Safety Specialist
- Corporate Compliance and Quality Assurance Coordinator
- Compliance Specialist

Day programs must maintain a log of every person, including staff and essential visitors, who may have close contact with other individuals at the facility; excluding deliveries that are performed with appropriate PPE or through contactless means. Log should contain contact information, such that all contacts may

be identified, traced and notified in the event someone is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Providers of day program services must cooperate with local health department contact tracing efforts.

- CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.

Staff should take the following actions related to COVID-19 symptoms and contact:

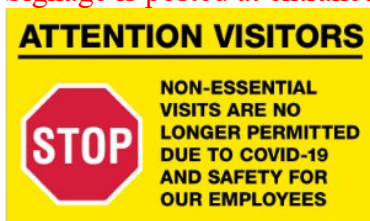
- o If a staff has COVID-19 symptoms AND EITHER tests positive for COVID-19 OR did not receive a test, the staff may only return to work after completing a 14-day self-quarantine. If a staff is critical to the operation or safety of a facility, the day program

provider may consult their local health department and the most up-to-date CDC and DOH standards on the minimum number of days to quarantine before a staff is safely able to return to work with additional precautions to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- If a staff does NOT have COVID-19 symptoms BUT tests positive for COVID-19, the staff may only return to work after completing a 14-day self-quarantine. If a staff is critical to the operation or safety of a facility, the day program provider may consult their local health department and the most up-to-date CDC and DOH standards on the minimum number of days to quarantine before a staff is safely able to return to work with additional precautions to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
 - If a staff has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time AND is symptomatic, the staff should notify the day program and follow the above protocol for a positive case.
 - If a staff has had close contact with a person with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time AND is NOT symptomatic, the staff should notify the day program and adhere to the following practices prior to and during their work shift, which should be documented by the day program:
 - i. Regular monitoring: As long as the staff does not have a temperature or symptoms, they should self-monitor consistent with the day program's health policies.
 - ii. Wear a mask: The staff should wear a surgical face mask at all times while in the day program.
 - iii. Social distance: staff should continue social distancing practices, including maintaining, at least, six feet distance from others.
 - iv. Disinfect and clean facility spaces: Continue to clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, classrooms, common areas, and shared electronic equipment routinely.
- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures that address this section.
 - CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.

Entrance into sites will be restricted to essential staff responsible for the direct provision of service not amenable to delivery via telehealth alternatives or those persons required to ensure continued health and safety operations (e.g. PPE supply delivery or work control etc.). Post signage alerting non- essential visitors are not allowed.

- As per DOH guidelines, it is agency policy that only employees and essential visitors are allowed access into the sites.
- Signage is posted at entrances to agency sites.



In the event an individual, staff or anyone they reside with are placed on quarantine or isolation, the responsible party (i.e. self, guardian, residence manager etc.) must notify the day program immediately and must suspend attending day program until they are medically cleared to return to work/program.

- CCL has Screening and Testing Procedures that address this section.
- This information will be communicated to all persons receiving services, families/IRA's, and staff.

B. Social Distancing Requirements

All day program providers must ensure that, for any programming occurring indoors, capacity is limited to the number of participants and required staff which ensures the following mitigation strategies are adhered to:

At least six feet of physical distance is maintained among individuals and staff, unless safety of the core activity requires a shorter distance or an individual's treatment plan requires that closer contact be maintained with a staff member.

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.

All staff must wear an appropriate face mask or covering at all times at work, consistent with all current Executive Orders and OPWDD guidelines, unless medically contraindicated.

- o Acceptable face coverings for COVID-19 include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that cover both the mouth and nose.
- o Cloth, disposable, or other homemade face coverings are not acceptable face coverings for workplace activities that typically require a higher degree of protection for personal protective equipment due to the nature of the work. For those activities, N95 respirators or other personal protective equipment (PPE) used under existing industry standards should continue to be used, as is defined in accordance with OSHA guidelines.

- CCL has Required Use of Face Coverings Procedures that address this section.
- Other PPE, such as face shields, are available to employees based on need.

Individuals receiving services must wear face coverings, if they can medically tolerate one whenever social distancing cannot be achieved.

- CCL has Required Use of Face Coverings Procedures that address this section.
- Persons receiving services must wear face coverings, if they can medically tolerate one, whenever social distancing cannot be achieved.
 - o This would include any underlying diagnosis where mask-wearing is contraindicated or for any disability which prohibits the person receiving services from keeping a mask on.
 - o If a person receiving services cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering, they should still be able to access programming / community inclusion, but the treatment team should consider how most safely accommodate the risk and document.

- Examples: Increased social distancing, transport separately, lower risk / outdoor activities)
- This information will be located in the person IPOP / Individualized Guidelines.

Programs must ensure that groupings of staff/individuals receiving services are as static as possible by having the same group of individuals work with the same staff whenever and wherever possible. Group size must be limited to no more than fifteen (15) individuals receiving services. The restriction on group size does not include employees/staff.

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.

Programs should maintain a staffing plan that does not require employees to “float” between different rooms or groups of individuals, unless such rotation is critical to safely staff individuals due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. staff absence).

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.

Modify the use and/or restrict the number of program rooms and seating areas to allow for social distancing of at least six feet apart in all directions (i.e. 36 square feet). When distancing is not feasible between workspaces, the program must provide and require the use of face coverings or enact physical barriers, such as plastic shielding walls where they would not affect air flow, heating, cooling, or ventilation.

- Physical barriers should be put in place in when possible. Options include but are not limited to strip curtains, plexiglass or similar materials, or other impermeable dividers or partitions. Use in accordance with OSHA guidelines.
- Shared workspaces or equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Prohibit the use of tightly confined spaces (e.g. supply closets, equipment storage areas, kitchens, vehicles, or restrooms) by more than one person at a time, unless both individuals and staff sharing such space are wearing acceptable face coverings. However, even with face coverings in use, occupancy must never exceed 50% of the maximum capacity of the space or vehicle, unless it is designed for use by a single occupant.
- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Required Use of Face Coverings Procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Room and Space Capacity Procedures that address this section.

Programs should increase ventilation with outdoor air to the greatest extent possible (e.g. open program room and vehicle windows and prop open doors and/or open as frequently as possible), unless such air circulation poses a safety or health risk (e.g., allowing pollens in or exacerbating asthma symptoms) to individuals using the facility.

- Windows and doors should be opened where appropriate conditions allow.

Programs should take additional measures to prevent congregation in lobbies, hallways, and in elevator waiting areas and limit density in elevators, such as enabling the use of stairs.

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Room and Space Capacity Procedures that address this section.

Implement additional measures to prevent congregation in elevator waiting areas and limit density in elevators, such as enabling the use of stairs, when possible.

- The use of stairs or allowing traffic to dissipate before entering the elevator waiting area

will be used as appropriate to the situation.

Reduce bi-directional foot traffic using tape or signs with arrows in narrow aisles, hallways, or spaces, and post signage and distance markers denoting spaces of six feet in all commonly used areas and any areas in which lines are commonly formed or people may congregate (e.g. entrance/exit into the facility, meal areas, etc.).

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Communication Procedures that address this section.
- Floor markers / arrows, have been placed in common areas of congregation.

Social distancing may not always be possible when caring for individuals with higher medical, behavioral or adaptive support needs. Their specific treatment plans may necessitate physical contact to ensure health and safety during activities of daily living (e.g. toileting, eating etc.), behavior intervention techniques (e.g. physical restraint) or medical treatments (e.g. administration of daily medication or first aid etc.). All appropriate personal protective equipment and hygiene must be utilized. Providers are encouraged to work with staff who are unable to medically tolerate wearing a mask to temporarily reassign them to work duties which are capable of being completed while maintaining social distance from vulnerable populations.

- CCL has Required Use of a Face Covering Procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Protective Equipment Procedures that address this section.
- Employees should consult with Human Resources if they cannot medically tolerate wearing a mask.

C. Gatherings In Enclosed Spaces

Prohibit gatherings of more than 15 people (excluding staff) in a shared space, at any given time. Rooms should be reconfigured or repurposed to limit density and expand usable space.

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Room and Space Capacity Procedures that address this section.
- All rooms and spaces have been configured to be under 15 people and to expand usable space.

Program rooms should include the same grouping of individuals with the same staff each day to the extent possible and avoid crossing programs with other rooms.

- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.
- Staff and persons receiving services will be assigned to a respective program room and will maintain that assignment to the extent it is possible.

Space out seating (6 feet apart) and use floor markers to designate six-foot distances. Remove additional seating above designated room capacity.

- Seating has been spaced out at the site.
- Floor markers have been placed to assist with 6 feet identification and training.
- Additional seating has been removed to avoid potential of non-adherence to 6 foot social distancing.

Day programs must provide adequate space for required staff to adhere to social distancing while completing independent tasks (i.e. paperwork) and when taking breaks (e.g. eating). Break times should be staggered to maintain social distancing.

- Documentation is completed after persons receiving services have left for the day.
- Employees take breaks when the needs of persons receiving services will not be compromised.

Shared food and beverages are prohibited. Food brought from home should require limited preparation at the day program site (i.e. heating in microwave) and be packed appropriately. All reusable food utensils and storage containers should be washed in the dishwasher on the hottest wash and dry setting.

- Persons receiving services will continue to bring in their meals and snacks that require limited preparation. Families and IRA's will be notified of this expectation.
- Staff will receive training regarding using the hottest setting of the dishwasher when washing reusable food containers and utensils.

Buffet-style dining is prohibited. Discontinue use of large cafeterias for meals, unless social distancing can be maintained, and stagger mealtimes to allow for social distancing and disinfection in-between use.

- CCL has Hygiene and Cleaning Procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Physical Distancing procedures that address this section.

D. Day Program Schedules and Activities

Initially, day program capacity should be prioritized for individuals who are best served onsite due their specific clinical needs. Providers should allow high risk individuals, who prefer to remain at home, to participate in less intensive in-home supports of a shorter duration and encourage continued use of telehealth to supplement service delivery.

- Persons receiving services will be brought back in waves, based on their clinical needs, preferences, and the program's ability to meet them with current guidelines.
- Those having success with virtual services who prefer that should initially continue in that format.

For those individuals resuming site-based day services, programs must implement measures to foster social distancing and disinfection in-between use via the following considerations:

- Adjusting day program hours to allow blocks of service provision (e.g. 9 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM to 6 PM).
- Limiting staff on site to those essential to direct service provision.
 - As possible, the program will consider and utilize adjustments to the day program schedule.
 - Only employees providing direct services should be onsite in the program areas.
 - Administrative employees should utilize designated entrances and exits that minimize contact with the service provision areas.

Prioritizing tasks and activities that most easily adhere to social distancing.

- Activities and tasks that allow the highest degree of adherence to social distancing and face covering adherence will be planned for accordingly.
 - Examples: Outdoor activities; less physical activities.

For sport and athletic activities, programs must keep stable groups of individuals together and separated from other groups and should focus on activities with little or no physical contact (e.g. walking or hiking) and which do not rely on shared equipment.

- Physical or sport activities that maximize social distancing should be considered first.
 - Such activities should not be planned with any other groups.

For food services, programs should: • Serve individual portions; • Avoid use of communal dining areas and substitute eating outdoors or in a classroom, whenever possible; • Keep stable groups of individuals separated from one another; • Consider staggering mealtimes to reduce occupancy within an indoor space or congregation within an outdoor area; and • Separate tables with seating at least six feet apart from other tables, as feasible.

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.
- The certified site is set up so that persons receiving services may continue to eat meals in the program areas where seating for social distancing is already set up.
- When possible, meals can be consumed outside at the picnic tables, which are also set up for social distancing.

E. Personal Protective Equipment

Day programs must have an adequate supply of required PPE on site. All required staff and essential visitors are required to wear a face covering or mask and will be provided one for use onsite at no cost.

- CCL has Protective Equipment Procedures that address this section.
- CCL has Required Use of Face Coverings Procedures address this section

All day programs and staff should comply with OSHA standards applicable to each specific work environment.

- CCL has an overall Safety Plan for the agency which addresses OSHA standards for each department / position.

Staff may choose to provide their own face covering, however are not required to. Acceptable face coverings may include, surgical masks, N95 respirators, face shields and/or cloth masks (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana). Any personally supplied face coverings must maintain standards for professional/workplace attire. Cloth, disposable or homemade masks are not appropriate for workplace activities that require a higher degree of protection for personal protective equipment due to the nature of the work.

- Face coverings must be cleaned or replaced after use and may not be shared. Please consult CDC guidance for optimizing use of face masks at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/face-masks.html>
- All staff must be trained on proper use of PPE including when to use and donning, doffing, disposing and/or reusing and sanitizing when appropriate. Documentation of such trainings will be retained in the employee's personnel file.
 - CCL has Protective Equipment Procedures that address this section.

- CCL has Required Use of Face Coverings Procedures that address this section.

F. Hygiene and Cleaning

Strict adherence to hygiene and sanitation requirements is required to reduce transmission as advised by DOH “Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID-19,” and the “STOP THE SPREAD” poster, as applicable.

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.

All site based day programs, and non-site-based programs to the extent it is applicable, are required to implement the following minimum standards:

- Maintain an adequate stock of cleaning and EPA approved disinfecting agents.
- Conduct frequent cleaning and rigorous disinfection of high-risk areas (i.e. bathrooms, nursing stations) and high touch surfaces (i.e. shared equipment or supplies). Please refer to DOH’s Interim Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID-19” for detailed instructions on how to clean facilities.
 - Adhere to proper dwell times for all cleaners, sanitizers and disinfectants per manufacturer recommendations as indicated on the product label and ensure adequate ventilation to prevent inhaling toxic fumes. Use only EPA registered products for disinfecting non-porous surfaces.
 - Maintain at each site cleaning logs indicating the date, time, and scope of cleaning.
 - Cleaning products, sanitizers and disinfectants must be kept secure and out of reach of individuals who may misuse (i.e. consume, dump out etc.). Products should be locked in a separate supply closet or cabinet, with only staff having key access. After sanitizing or disinfecting any gloves, paper towels or other disposable items used will be immediately discarded. These should be tied in a trash bag and removed from the environment to prevent individuals from accessing potentially contaminated or hazardous materials.

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.

Limit use of shared objects/equipment and clean then sanitize after each use. Items that cannot be cleaned and sanitized should not be used (i.e. soft toys, cloth placemats, etc.) Individuals should not be permitted to bring such personal items from home.

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.

Put in place reasonable measures to limit the sharing of objects, such as electronic equipment, arts and craft materials, touchscreens, as well as the touching of shared surfaces; or, require employees to wear gloves (trade-appropriate or medical) when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched surfaces; or, require workers and individuals to practice hand hygiene before and after contact.

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.

If cleaning or disinfection products or the act of cleaning and disinfecting causes safety hazards, staff must use PPE as needed followed by hand hygiene. Use cleaning/disinfecting wipes for electronics (do not use sprays). Limit the number of people using the equipment when proper cleaning/disinfecting of such items are not possible.

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.

Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations throughout each location where possible to include:

- Handwashing: soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels.
- Hand sanitizing: alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical. Hand sanitizer should be available and utilized frequently throughout community based services.
- All staff and individuals should wash their hands frequently with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds upon arriving to any site-based programming, before handling food, before and after eating and drinking, smoking/vaping, using the bathroom, after touching shared objects or surfaces, after touching their eyes, nose or mouth, or after cleaning, sanitizing or disinfecting surfaces or when hands are visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol are also acceptable. Use of hand sanitizer by individuals should be supervised as needed by staff.
- **CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.**

CDC guidelines on “Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility” should be followed if someone is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 infection:

- Close off areas used by the person who is sick. The provider does not have to necessarily close operations, if they can close off the affected areas.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- Wait 24 hours before you clean or disinfect. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, common areas, and shared equipment.
- Once the area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use. Employees and individuals without close contact with the person who is sick can return to the area immediately after disinfection.
- **CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.**

Provider should follow NYS DOH and OPWDD guidance related to reporting and contact tracing in the case of a positive or presumed positive COVID-19 individual or staff.

- **CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.**
- **CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.**

G. Transportation

All certified day programs must ensure that the following measures are in place in order to transport individuals to/from day programming:

Only individuals and staff traveling to and from the same day program should be transported together; individuals or staff from other day programs should not be intermingled for purposes of transportation at this time; individuals transported together are encouraged to be cohort for purposes for day programming also, in order to further reduce intermingling;

- **CCL will ensure that contracted transportation is only transporting persons receiving services to and from Cantalician Programs**
 - **Additionally, contracted transportation can only transport those persons receiving services to and from the agency’s respective program (i.e. to and from Day Hab; to and from CPV).**

Capacity on buses, vans, and other vehicles transporting individuals from multiple residences should be

reduced to 50% of total capacity to maximize social distancing and reduce COVID-19 transmission risks;

- CCL has Space and Capacity Procedures that address this section.
 - Agency vehicles have been designated to 50% capacity, including the driver.
- CCL will ensure that contracted transportation adheres to 50% capacity guidelines.

Individuals and staff who reside/work together in the same home may be transported together to day program(s) in the same vehicle without a vehicle capacity reduction;

- Where applicable, the agency or contracted transportation will consider developing routes that allow for this capacity reduction waiver.

Consider staggering arrival and departure times to reduce density during these times;

- Arrival and departure times have already been set up in this capacity.
- A mixture of agency transportation and contracted transportation naturally allows for a reduction in density during these times.

To the extent possible, individuals and staff from different households should restrict close contact by not sitting near each other or the driver. The use of directional tape and signage can assist in accomplishing this. Additionally, if there are multiple doors in a bus or van, one-way entering and exiting should be utilized. Individuals should be directed to not exit the vehicle at once, instead following driver or staff instruction on exiting one person at a time;

- Van seating will be developed as applicable using these methods.

To the extent they can medically tolerate one, individuals, staff, and the driver must wear face coverings at all times in the vehicle. Social distancing must be maintained for individuals who cannot tolerate wearing a mask and, when possible, such individuals should be transported alone or with members of the same household. Staff who cannot medically tolerate the use of a face covering should not be assigned to transport individuals at this time;

- Transportation routes should be developed to that allow for social distancing for individuals who cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering.
 - For example, in a standard 8 passenger minivan, it may be appropriate for a person who cannot tolerate wearing a face covering to sit in the farthest back seat, keeping the 2nd row empty, but the driver and another person in the passenger seat can wear a face covering.

After each trip is completed, the interior of the vehicle should be thoroughly cleaned before additional individuals are transported; and

- CCL has Cleaning and Hygiene Procedures that address this section.
- A vehicle cleaning and disinfecting checklist has been developed and will be utilized.

Where appropriate and safe, windows should be rolled down to permit air flow.

- As appropriate, based on the needs and safety of all persons in the vehicle, windows should be rolled down to permit air flow.
 - Consider even rolling windows down only slightly when temperature conditions necessitate heating and cooling.
- Employees should NOT use recirculating air modes.

H. Tracing and Tracking

Providers of day program services must notify the local health department and OPWDD immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 test result by an individual or staff at their site.

- CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.

In the case of a staff or visitor testing positive, the provider of day program services must cooperate with the local health department to trace all contacts in the workplace and notify the health department of all staff, individuals and visitors who entered the facility dating back to 48 hours before the staff began experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or tested positive, whichever is earlier, but maintain confidentiality as required by federal and state law and regulations.

- CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.

Local health departments will implement monitoring and movement restrictions of infected or exposed persons including home isolation or quarantine.

- CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.

Staff who are alerted that they have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19, and have been alerted via tracing, tracking or other mechanism, are required to self-report to their employer at the time of alert and shall follow all required protocols as if they had been exposed at work.

- CCL has Tracking and Tracing Procedures that address this section.

Additional safety information, guidelines, and resources are available at:

11 New York State Department of Health Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Website <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

Occupational Safety and Health Administration COVID-19

Website <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>

