

## **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):**

### **Health Risk Screening Tool Timeline Update**

#### **ODP Announcement 20-057**

#### **AUDIENCE:**

- Residential Providers
- Supports Coordination Organizations
- Administrative Entities
- Health Care Quality Units
- Nurses who will complete the HRST Clinical Reviews

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide an updated timeline of target dates for the completion the Health Risk Screening Tool.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) is a web-based instrument used to detect health risks and destabilization early and to prevent deaths among members of vulnerable populations. The HRST assigns a degree of health risk or Health Risk Care Level (HCL) to individuals receiving care. The higher the HCL, the higher the level of risk of death or potential for harm experienced by the person being supported.

HRST is an important tool in identifying risks associated with more severe outcomes related to COVID-19. Identifying the health risks of individuals with an intellectual disability and autism will help teams in planning appropriate supports and risk mitigation, actions particularly vital during this pandemic.

Due to many additional responsibilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic, ODP has modified the guidance outlined in the [HRST Protocol](#). The timeline for providers to complete all HRST screenings has been **extended to December 31, 2020**. With the

extended timeline, ODP will not redefine the phases for completion related to the individual's Needs Level as included in the original protocol. Providers will determine the order in which the remaining screenings will be completed by December 31, 2020.

Clinical Reviewer Trainings and Advanced Rater Trainings will be provided periodically in a live, online format by HRS, Inc. Additionally, HRS, Inc has online training resources for providers at <https://hrsonline.com/?s=covid#>.