

ODP Guidance for Providers Moving into Green Phase

[ODP Announcement 20-072](#) provides updated guidance to stakeholders regarding operations in each of the “phases” implemented in Pa that includes service-specific guidance in the “Green Phase.” Additionally, this announcement provides an update to the field on guidance for mask usage, screening, and handwashing.

The [“HCBS At-A-Glance Reopening Guide by Phase”](#) provides a quick reference on related operational guidance and will inform providers, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs) and Administrative Entities (AE) planning across multiple counties. Pennsylvania’s response to COVID-19 remains fluid and the Reopening Guide will assist stakeholders as they respond to change.

The Reopening Guide includes the link to the *Governor’s Process for Reopening Pennsylvania*, which details each of the three phases, including restrictions for both Work and Congregate Settings and Social Restrictions. For each Phase, the Guidelines include specific *ODP Domains* (ex. Regulation suspensions, Certified Investigations, HCBS), with *Operational Implementation* details for each domain.

Individuals who are COVID-19 positive or suspected positive should continue to self- isolate regardless of the color designation of the county where they reside. Individuals who are COVID-19 positive or suspected positive **should not** be engaging in community activities.

For all services rendered, the guidance in [Reissuing Masking, Screening and Handwashing \(FINAL\) – 06-10-20](#) should be followed.

It is highly encouraged that the Individual Support Plan (ISP) teams use the ODP [Individual Transition Guide](#) in conjunction with the probe guidance in the annotated ISP to assess risk associated with COVID-19 and determine for each individual who resides in a county which is in the yellow or green phase which services and/or community activities may be resumed or started and what supports the individual must receive in order to be able to safely resume activities or engage in new activities.

In situations where the ISP team has not met, activities in the community and necessary supports for those activities should be established by the individual, family, and currently authorized service providers using the ODP Individual Transition Guide.

Please contact your ODP Regional Office for any questions about this announcement.