

COVID-19 Resources

For Long-Term Services & Supports

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Ways to Stay Engaged

Memos, Webinar Info, and FAQs - Updated Regularly

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Reminder: Personal Protective Equipment

If you or your organization are experiencing a shortage or outage of personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) to conduct essential or life saving functions during this crisis, please reach out to your **local emergency manager** or **local public health department**.

[Find Your Local Community Emergency Manager](#)
[Find Your Local Public Health Department](#)

To report issues in
obtaining PPE please
notify:

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Office of Emergency Management
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More Information



www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/



www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page



covid19.colorado.gov



Local Public Health Agencies

www.colorado.gov/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency



www.colorado.gov/hcpf/COVID

NEW



Residential Care Strike Team -
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/residential-care-strike-team

NEW

Resources from Others

Five new videos produced by [Larry Edelman](#) for parents who are new to early intervention home visits provided via video conferencing. In each of these two-to-three minute videos, parents describe how virtual home visits have been working for their families. Providers may find it useful to share selected videos with families who are new to their programs.

All five videos are available at: <https://ectacenter.org/topics/disaster/ti-service.asp#familyprep>

- **A Family's Story: Virtual Home Visits with Zander's Family**
If you're interested in learning how to make the most of your provider's expertise during and in between virtual visits, listen to five-month-old Zander's family story.
- **A Family's Story: Virtual Home Visits with Grayson's Family**
If you're anxious about how virtual visits will work for your family, listen to 18-month-old Grayson's family story.
- **A Family's Story: Virtual Home Visits with Ares' Family**
If you're new to EI/ECSE and want to understand how virtual visits work, listen to nine-month-old Ares' family story.
- **A Family's Story: Virtual Home Visits with Liam's Family**
If you're familiar with in-person home visits, but unsure of the benefits of virtual visits listen to young Liam's family story. *En Español (with English subtitles)*
- **A Family's Story: Virtual Home Visits with Sam's Family**
If you're wondering what benefits a provider can bring to your child and family through virtual visits, listen to two-year-old Sam's family story.

Resources from Others

CMS Launches Training Program to Strengthen Nursing Home Infection Control Practices

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing a national nursing home [training program](#) for frontline nursing home staff and management.
- The training is available immediately to staff of America's 15,400 Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing homes.
- The training covers topics including infection control and prevention, screening of visitors, and the proper use of personal protective equipment.

Resources from Others

- Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) released a [series of publications](#) on providing day and employment services during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Multicultural Council (MCC) released [COVID-19 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Resources](#)
- [Video: Supporting Grayson's Family](#), includes key themes that are relevant to home visiting during the COVID-19 pandemic
- [Video: Una visita en el hogar con la familia de Liam \(A Home Visit with Liam's Family\)](#), Ohio occupational therapist Marta Gonzalez delivers an early intervention home visit during the COVID-19 pandemic, illustrating how home visits using video conferencing can continue to support children and their families (in Spanish with English sub-titles)

CDC Guidance for People with IDD

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released COVID-19 guidance, with a primary focus on family members and caregivers who support people with developmental disabilities.

- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers](#)
- [Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers, Caregivers, Parents, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
- [People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)

Here is a link to the CDC website:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/developmental-behavioral-disorders.html

Resources from Others

- Colorado Department of Education - [Resources for Families of Students with Disabilities during COVID-19](#)
 - Family and School Partnerships
 - Helping your Student at Home
 - Special Education Process
 - Much more...

Resources from Others

Emergency Response Desktop Suite (ERDS) Tool makes information more accessible and computers easier to use for people with IDD

- Provides accessible information about the coronavirus and how to stay well
- Empowers people with new ways to stay in touch with others
- Encourages people to connect with the community

ERDS offered at no cost to 500 Colorado adults with IDD in certain situations

- Visit www.colemaninstitute.org/covid-19/ and complete the engagement form
- If you have questions please contact Joelle Brouner at joelle.brouner@state.co.us or Shea Tanis at Shea.Tanis@cu.edu

Resources from Others

Recorded Webinar: Addressing Social Isolation Through Technology Solutions

Administration for Community Living (ACL) presented a webinar highlighting how technology can be leveraged to increase social engagement, including specific hardware and software options. Presenters identify resources for acquiring and distributing technology, as well as mechanisms for training older adults and adults with disabilities to use technology solutions designed to mitigate social isolation.

- [Recorded Webinar: Addressing Social Isolation Through Technology Solutions](#)
- [Webinar Transcript](#)
- [Webinar Slides](#)

Resources from Others

Training for new CMS nursing home reporting requirements

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an [interim final rule](#) containing new nursing home requirements for reporting COVID-19 data, effective May 8, 2020. Requirements include reporting information to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system and notification to residents, resident representatives, and families.
- Webinar training for the new LTCF COVID-19 Module for CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network is posted under the Training tab on their web page www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html

Resources from Others

HUD Webinar on cleaning and disinfecting

- CDC and HUD hosted a webinar on cleaning and disinfecting to protect individuals residing in HUD-assisted multifamily properties. A representative from HUD's Multifamily Housing in conjunction with representatives from the CDC and Washington State Dept. of Health presented on their interim guidance on facility cleaning when a person with coronavirus infection is present or suspected. [View the Presentation](#)
 - **TARGET AUDIENCE:** Managers and maintenance staff of HUD-assisted multifamily housing properties

Resources from Others

Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter Resources for nursing homes and memory care

- The Alzheimer's Association knows that the COVID-19 pandemic is placing tremendous pressures on facilities and caregivers, and they have prepared a [guidance document](#) to assist staff in caring for persons with dementia in emergencies in long-term and community-based care settings. It also provides guidance on the importance of person-centered care - the essential starting point for optimal care.
- More support is also available at alz.org/professionals-covid or at 800-272-3900

Resources from Others

New CDC LTC Frontline Staff Training Webinars

- These short webinars are all published on the [Key Strategies to Prepare for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities](#) (LTCFs) web page under the “Webinar Series” section. CDC reports that “These new webinars are intended to be a training tool/resource for frontline long-term care staff members.”
- Here are the direct links to each webinar:
 - Sparkling Surfaces - <https://youtu.be/t7OH8ORr5Iq>
 - Clean Hands - <https://youtu.be/xmYMUly7qiE>
 - Closely Monitor Residents - <https://youtu.be/1ZbT1Njv6xA>
 - Keep COVID-19 Out! - <https://youtu.be/7srwrF9MGdw>
 - PPE Lessons - <https://youtu.be/YYTATw9yav4>

Resources from Others

The federal Healthcare Resilience Working Group (HRWG) has developed the [Rural Health Surge Readiness portal](#), a collection of resources, tools, and training to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 in rural communities.

- The materials can be accessed by provider type (EMS/prehospital/911, hospital, ambulatory, and long-term care) and by topic (funding, operations, supplies, workforce, etc.)
- HRWG is hosting demonstration and Q&A sessions of the web portal Monday, August 17, 2020 from 1:00-2:00 pm MDT and Wednesday, August 19, 2020 from 7:30-9:30 am MDT. You may [join using this Zoom link](#)
- In addition, HRSA's Rural Health Information Hub will host [a Preparing Rural Healthcare Systems for COVID-19 Surge](#) Twitter Chat on August 26, 2020 at 11 a.m. MDT (follow [#RuralHealthChat](#))

Resources from Others

Other Links

- [LeadingAge Colorado COVID-19 Updates & Resources](#)
- [LeadingAge](#)
- [Argentum](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment COVID-19 Long-term Care Facility Page](#)
- [Health Care Policy & Financing COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)

Thank You!