



Pennsylvania Older Adult Daily Living Centers — Guidance for COVID-19

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) recognizes the concerns about the 2019-novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and has developed this guidance to address questions regarding Older Adult Daily Living Centers, also known as Adult Day Centers.

What is coronavirus?

COVID-19 is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. Symptoms of COVID-19, which may appear 2-14 days after exposure, are fever, cough and shortness of breath.

Reporting: Consistent with the Governor’s Emergency Disaster Declaration as well as the closure announcements pertaining to several counties, Older Adult Daily Living Centers shall submit reports of COVID-19 immediately to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and copy PDA.

Center Closures: Upon closure of a center, the director of the center must inform the following entities about the closure and assist in coordination of services for participants:

- The Division of Licensing of PDA;
- Service Coordinators, for those participants who are covered by Medicaid, to arrange for in-home services while the center is closed;
- The local Area Agency on Aging, to arrange for any available in-home meals or services while the center is closed;
- Family members, legal representatives, designees and caregivers, to coordinate a plan to meet the participant’s needs while the center is closed.

All centers shall operate in accordance with Department of Health’s guidance to protect staff and participants from COVID-19. More information can be found by clicking on the Coronavirus Information tab on the Department of Health’s website at the link below.

All centers shall operate in accordance with the guidance issued by the Centers of Disease Control at the link below.



The following links provide current COVID-19 information:

Pennsylvania Department of Aging: (717) 783-1550 or <https://www.aging.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Pennsylvania Department of Health: 1-877-PA HEALTH or <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#>

Centers for Disease Control: 800-232-4636 or <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Where can I find more information about COVID-19?

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a dedicated page for COVID-19 that provides regular updates. Click [here](#) for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19. Additional information is also available on the [CDC](#) website and through [CMS](#).

Providers are to follow the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) [guidance](#) for evaluation, testing and reporting related to staff or a beneficiary suspected of having COVID-19.