

December 3, 2020

To: Families and Guardians

Subject: CA COVID UPDATE: Spike in infection rate in Washtenaw County

Please find below an email received this week from Heather Linky, Operations Director for Washtenaw County Community Mental Health alerting us to spikes in the COVID infection rate.

The spike in positive COVID tests is not surprising following Thanksgiving week. Please be assured, we are doing the following:

- Our staff continue to monitor the temperature and oxi-pulse rates of all of our clients daily.
- Our admin team continue to provide disinfectant approved by the CDC to combat the virus, PPE (protective gloves, cloth and N95 masks) and supplies to keep the homes of our clients clean.
- We continue to train our staff and send them alerts about the importance of face masks, social distancing, cleaning and remaining diligent to good health and safety practices for the good of themselves and of our clients.

We need the help of the guardians and family members as well. I know that our clients have been taken out on outings with family members for hours at a time. I know that maintaining a connection is as important as wearing a face mask. But if families and guardians aren't following the same protocols that our staff are required to follow we risk exposure to COVID-19.

Please note, our methods have provided protection to everyone involved with a zero infection rate among our clients and our staff. Please be careful out there and keep us informed if you have been exposed to COVID so we can make good decisions for everyone involved.

Thank you,

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Executive Director

From: **Heather Linky** <linkyh@washtenaw.org>

Date: Thu, Dec 3, 2020 at 12:08 PM

Subject: notify WCCMH

To: MH Providers <l-local_mh_providers@listserver.ewashtenaw.org>

Good afternoon-

We have been experiencing a spike in COVID positive test results for the individuals we all serve and the staff that serve them. I wanted to remind you to please notify us if any WCCMH consumers, or your staff that serve them, test positive for COVID.

Notification can go to a case manager, a nurse, or the Program Administrators – Krista DeWeese, Katie Hoener, Elizabeth Spring, Brandie Hagaman. If you are unsure who to contact, feel free to let me know and I can share with appropriate staff.

For the health/safety of many, it is critical for us to know. Many folks are served by multiple provider agencies and/or staff work for multiple agencies. We have been collaborating with Washtenaw Health Department since the beginning of this pandemic to assist with contact tracing and necessary notifications.

Thank you for your cooperation with this and for all you are doing at such a difficult time.

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