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DHCS BH All Provider Call

Brief Summary – 06/09/21

NOTE: Due to the state opening up and COVID-19 cases declining, these meetings are canceled going forward.

DSS Updates

- [PIN-21-26-ASC](#)
 - UPDATED FACILITY STAFF TESTING GUIDANCE FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

CDPH Updates

- Vaccine Updates
 1. [Vaccine Dashboard](#)
 - 3 vaccines have received emergency use authorization (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson)
 - Over 38 million doses have been administered
 - Over 18 million people have been fully vaccinated -- 53% of the eligible population in California
 2. Can find appointments through [My Turn](#), your health care provider, pharmacy, or local health department
 3. [Vax for the win](#)
 - Encourages people to get vaccinated before June 15 for the chance to win cash prizes.
 4. [CDC Guidance](#)
 - Clinical considerations for COVID 19 vaccinations, last updated June 1st
- Other CDPH Updates
 1. [Updated COVID testing guidance](#)
 2. For diagnostic screening testing

- Fully vaccinated people do not need to undergo this in non-healthcare settings.
 - In healthcare settings where greater than 70% of staff and patients are vaccinated, the testing routine can be modified.
3. Still recommended for non-vaccinated staff members to be regularly tested.

DHCS Update

- New budget proposal to support BH infrastructure
- Working on SUD residential toolkit to help with applications
- Working with facilities who want to provide integrated care to streamline the application process.

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Questions and Answers

Q: What will change in telehealth services after the emergency?

A: Telephone and telehealth services will continue after the emergency. Not all services are possible by telehealth (e.g., detox or certain residential services). See [DHCS telehealth proposal](#).

Q: Any updates on guidance for masking in the workplace based on the current Cal OSHA rules?

A: Cal OSHA approved updates to the emergency temporary standard that includes facial covering updates. Many health care facilities are not covered. Guidance is evolving. [OSHA meeting](#) 6/9 on the latest decision, the recording can be found on their [website](#).

Q: Are residential facilities now allowed to open for family visits?

A: Please reference [PIN 21-17.2](#) for DSS licensed facilities. DHCS does not have restrictions in place regarding family visits for its licensed facilities and expects facilities to follow CDPH guidance.

Q: Will DHCS address delays in AOD counselor certification? Will there be a change in the required 30% certified vs. non-certified mandate for AOD programs?

A: No change to minimum 30% licensed and/or certified counselor requirement, although we are looking at this requirement to evaluate to see if it should change.

As the state opens up, we encourage counselors to get this certification done as soon as possible, as the flexibility extending deadlines may end. CCAPP shared that very

few counselors asked for extensions. Processing time (4-6 weeks) is at normal, but some counselors are beginning application and not finishing the submission - processing doesn't start until the submission is complete.

Q: Any flexibilities that can reasonably be considered around staffing in inpatient/residential facilities?

A: Flexibilities may be considered on a case by case basis. Reach out directly to the mental health licensing group.

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Q: Will telehealth be continued for DUI programs as well?

A: Yes, that will be a part of updated guidance on which services will and won't be allowed. It is in alignment with how we address telehealth with other licensed facilities.

Q: LPCC are no longer able to work as LMHP - will the state look to include LPCC's moving forward?

A: DHCS will consider this on a case by case basis.

Q: We are a residential facility and currently test all staff and clients every 2 weeks, no matter what. As long as no one is showing any symptoms can we move the testing out to once a month?

A: The optimal cadence for testing is weekly, especially for unvaccinated staff. It's a balance of trying to limit introductions and exposures, there's a lot of nuance in this area. Seek public health guidance when in doubt.

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