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## Memorandum

**Date:** August 24, 2020  
**To:** Delaware Autism Program Families  
**From:** Mike Andrews  
**Subject:** Respite Services Restart - Update

On June 15, 2020, Governor Carney moved Delaware to Phase 2, allowing some school and youth activities to resume. In doing so, respite services restarted on July 1, 2020 with restrictions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. After receiving feedback from families who have children who participate in the Delaware Autism Programs, the guidelines have been revised. The following lists the updated guidelines:

- Parents may request up to six hours each week, Monday – Friday, 4PM – 9PM; Saturday and Sunday, 8AM – 8PM. Parents, please contact your Respite Facilitators, regarding any respite requests needed.
- Respite services can be provided in the home of the student or in the home of the assigned provider.
  - Group homes/family resources centers will remain closed.
  - Overnight respite services are not permitted.
- During the time of service, providers must wear a mask. (Providers are responsible for securing their own personal protective equipment.)
- During the time of service, providers and students must either wear gloves or frequently wash/sanitize their hands.
- During the time of services, providers are not permitted to visit any indoor venues outside of the assigned student or provider home.
- Outdoor activities are encouraged while maintaining social distance.
- Parents and providers must complete a coronavirus questionnaire and liability waiver within 24 hours of respite services. Information shared on this form may affect the approval of respite services.

We will continue to work collaboratively with district leaders, the Department of Education, and the Department of Public Health to monitor the coronavirus situation, and follow State guidance to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

Parents should be encouraged to monitor their district's website and Delaware.gov for current updates pertaining to the coronavirus in Delaware.

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