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## Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about Making Medical Homes Safer

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### What to know

**Regional centers and staff at certain kinds of homes where people with a lot of medical needs live have to start following new rules to help keep people safe from COVID-19.**

The new rules are for two kinds of homes:

- Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN)
- Intermediate Care Facilities/Developmentally Disabled-Continuous Nursing (ICF/DD-CN)

### Home safety

#### Ways to help keep COVID-19 from spreading:

- All visitors and residents will be screened for fevers and other signs of being sick.
- People with fevers higher than 100.4° F or COVID-19 symptoms won't be able to visit.
- Staff who get sick can't return to work until the local county public health department says they can.
- Everyone who lives in the home should stay in their own room if they can, or at least stay 6 feet away from other people.
- Staff are being asked to only work in one place and will get extra training on how to reduce risk of infection.

### Questions?

Please contact your local regional center. If they cannot help you, please email [DDSC19@dds.ca.gov](mailto:DDSC19@dds.ca.gov).

### Learn more

See the [Individuals and Families](#) section of the DDS website for more information about COVID-19.

Link to full text of the Department of Developmental Services directive: [Guidance for Immediate Risk Management Strategies for ARFPSHN and ICF/DD-CN](#)