

The Department continues to post other Department COVID-19-related information, including a series of Q&As on the COVID-19 page on our website www.nd.gov/dhs/ to help ensure that various partner and provider groups have up-to-date information on recommended practices as well as program and policy changes.

Childcare Emergency Operating Grants

- Extended availability of Childcare Emergency Operating Grants through July 3. Described updated modified operating practices that will go into effect June 1 to further align with K-12 re-start guidance.

Emergency Rent Bridge

- Started accepting applications for Emergency Rent Bridge program and finalized housing provider registration process. Coordinating with existing housing counseling providers across state to help assure seamless connections for individuals seeking help.

Human Service Centers

- Updated screening process to identify 1 symptom as trigger for quarantine and testing, as opposed to the original recommended 2 symptoms.
- Identified a tier approach of determining telehealth services versus face-to-face services based on the level of needs of client and their capacity to meaningfully engage in care via telehealth.

State Hospital

- Tested 356 staff on 5/12 and 124 patients on 5/13 (internal teams completed all testing for patients and staff and the tests were provided by DoH).
- Measuring staff adherence to masking, shielding, and hand hygiene.
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Child Support

- Large quantity of income withholdings to Job Service as a result of unemployment payments and processing record levels of offsets as a result of stimulus payments.

Behavioral Health Division

- Developed and disseminated new resources:
 - [Parents Lead](#) Website
 - [Creating Calm during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - [Behavioral Health Division](#) Website
 - [North Dakota Withdrawal Management Training](#)
- Submitted application for the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) Immediate Services Program (ISP) to provide disaster relief assistance for up to 60 days after a major disaster declaration.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

- To date, the state council on developmental disabilities has awarded \$14,934 COVID relief grant funds to various individuals and organizations.

Developmental Disabilities Division

- Issued re-start guidance specific to developmental disabilities providers.
- Hosted provider outreach conversations with various provider groups, including developmental disabilities, senior meal providers, treatment foster care, and qualified residential treatment facilities.

Economic Assistance

- Issued first round of Pandemic EBT payments to families who would typically receive free or reduced meals from their K-12 school.

Red River Valley Task Force

- Supporting work of the Red River Valley Task Force with strategy to enhance quarantine support resources for people identified as close contacts and/or COVID positive who are isolating at home.