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MEMORANDUM

To: DMHAS Staff
From: Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D.
Date: March 19, 2020
Subject: DMHAS COVID-19 Staff Update #4

To help keep all state employees informed, the State's COVID-19 website now has a page dedicated to state employees. This page will be regularly updated and has current guidance on issues that concern state employees, including an update issued yesterday on telework. I encourage you to visit the page regularly as your schedule allows to stay abreast on this developing situation and how it may impact you as an employee. You can visit the page here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/State-Employees>

The Department has updated its screening tool for people entering DMHAS facilities, including staff and clients. There are no longer separate screening tools for staff, patients and visitors. The [new screening tool](#) is to be used for ALL INDIVIDUALS entering DMHAS buildings. Additionally, it is not necessary to fill out the form for every person entering the facility; people may be screened by simply asking the questions on the form, taking the temperature and following the guidance at the bottom of the screen. Please discard and destroy any previous versions of the screening tool. The new screening tool is available online on the DMHAS COVID-19 webpage at <https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS-COVID-19>.

As a reminder, staff should not report to work or should telework if approved by the agency if:

- Staff is caring for a family member who is sick with COVID-19; or,
- Staff has COVID-19 or is experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms; or,
- Staff is returning from an area with a Level 3 Travel Advisory issued by the federal Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention; or,
- Staff has been directed by a medical provider or government official to self-monitor at home due to potential COVID-19 exposure or employee's underlying medical condition.

There are a number of options for COVID-19 testing, including drive-thru test sites. Anyone seeking to be tested must have a prescription from their provider and make an appointment in

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advance. If you do not have a prescription for your provider, you will be turned away. For information on COVID-19 testing locations, dial 2-1-1.

We understand that your family and loved ones are your first priority. You are also critical to DMHAS and the people we serve. If your child care has been affected by school closures and other disruptions related to the COVID-19 outbreak, please call (860) 756-0864 to be directly connected to 2-1-1 Child Care to find child care available in their area.

None of what we do would be possible without you. Thank you for continued commitment and dedication to our agency, our mission, and the people we serve.