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### **Data**

As of December 9, 2020, there have been 4,951 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 3,825 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 493 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 6,477 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

As of December 16, 2020, there have been 5,428 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 4,175 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 497 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 7,156 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

Most all demographic and other trends are holding steady.

### **Vaccine Update**

We still await the delivery of the vaccine to individuals and staff at certified residences. Now that the Moderna vaccine has achieved FDA approval, we are hopeful for this week. Other concerns discussed: The distribution of the vaccine was the hottest topic. Once again, it was confirmed that the allocation for NYC will be managed by DOHMH. IAC and many of our providers who provide health and clinical care are meeting with folks at DOHMH to provide assistance and guidance for the vaccine's distribution. Stay tuned for more information later this week.

Many advocates expressed the need for many people with I/DD living independently or with family in the community should also be prioritized. IAC, along with NYDA are working with the CCOs in advocating for all people who receive support along with DSPs. Concerns over the recent spikes and hot spots were also raised. Roger Bearden spoke to the continuing work by OPWDD staff and the provider community to minimize spread and increase their infection control practices and vigilance.

Finally, the areas of Informed Consent and its complexities was examined. The process for Informed Consent is contained with the 633.11 Regulations. With the EAU, the necessity to obtain Informed Consent has no greater urgency. The Governor's Office is exploring the use of the Informed Consent Committees rather than through the Surrogate Decision Making Committee (SDMC) pathway. This would greatly expedite the process and allow a faster delivery of this important vaccine. We are clearly cognizant that here will be some who will not take the vaccine. However, there is widespread endorsement in the public health sector and from this state's leaders of the vaccine's effectiveness.

For more information about the vaccine and its

distribution: <https://lnks.gd/I/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxOTk5MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2ZvcndhcmQubnkuZ292L2NvdmlkLTE5LXZyY2NpbmUtZGlzdHJpYnV0aW9uIn0.tdSPXmNlse1oQuUc6DSq5WSMAwmaAtaBngcUze8vzM/s/1157150800/br/92064330046-l>

A Plain Language Document about the vaccine:

[https://lnks.gd/I/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxOTk5MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29wd2RkLm55Lmdvdi9zeXN0ZW0vZmlsZXZmZG9jdW1lbnRzLzIwMjAvMTIvMTJfMTdfMjBfY292aWQ0MTktZmx5ZXIucGRmIn0.xViNDFIr6gUimz5FXJSaOxlEaqKfo\\_wNC6rWvqJI1QM/s/1157150800/br/92064330046-l](https://lnks.gd/I/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxOTk5MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29wd2RkLm55Lmdvdi9zeXN0ZW0vZmlsZXZmZG9jdW1lbnRzLzIwMjAvMTIvMTJfMTdfMjBfY292aWQ0MTktZmx5ZXIucGRmIn0.xViNDFIr6gUimz5FXJSaOxlEaqKfo_wNC6rWvqJI1QM/s/1157150800/br/92064330046-l)

OPWDD's Covid-19 webpage"

<https://lnks.gd/I/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxOTk5MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29wd2RkLm55Lmdvdi9jb3JvbWf2aXJ1cy1ndWlkYW5jZSj9.ity1hTT2xgJ5dvbDLIbRyiKHCnuPKNsh0KNNCLRQZIQ/s/1157150800/br/92064330046-l>

The State DOH Consent Form:

[https://lnks.gd/I/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxOTk5MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29wd2RkLm55Lmdvdi9zeXN0ZW0vZmlsZXZmZG9jdW1lbnRzLzIwMjAvMTIvMTIvMTJfMTdfMjBfY292aWQ0MTktZmx5ZXIucGRmIn0.1cJ9DdHaNG0wQCsWd1tJJRWEdIVV\\_N7F7VmAGJmyxXo/s/1157150800/br/92064330046-l](https://lnks.gd/I/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMDEyMTcuMzIxOTk5MDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL29wd2RkLm55Lmdvdi9zeXN0ZW0vZmlsZXZmZG9jdW1lbnRzLzIwMjAvMTIvMTIvMTJfMTdfMjBfY292aWQ0MTktZmx5ZXIucGRmIn0.1cJ9DdHaNG0wQCsWd1tJJRWEdIVV_N7F7VmAGJmyxXo/s/1157150800/br/92064330046-l)

Things are moving very quickly and we will keep you up to speed with the latest.

Watch for these updates and IAC's Website for more information.