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**Data:**

As of April 7, 2021, there have been 10,256 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 7,026 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 648 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 14,235 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

As of April 14, 2021, there have been 10,338 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 7,047 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 649 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 14,423 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

**Vaccination Data:**

2021, vaccination data is available for the five distinct cohorts of individuals and staff for which OPWDD is collecting information, as follows:

For individuals living in residential (with 98.9% programs reporting), 80.4% of the total individuals in certified residential have received at least one vaccine dose.

For staff working in residential (with 98.9% programs reporting), 27.9% of the total staff in certified residential have received at least one vaccine dose.

For Staff associated with day and waiver services, excluding residential and family care (with 82.8% programs reporting), 27.7% of the total staff in day and waiver programs have received at least one vaccine dose

For adults (18 and over) receiving day, waiver and case management services, excluding residential and family care (100% programs reporting), 26.2% of the total individuals have received at least one vaccine dose.

For care managers, 21.3% of the total Care Managers have received at least one vaccine dose.

**Recent Guidance (or lack thereof):**

Willow Baer acknowledged the confusion as there are updated rules from various public agencies that do not apply to our congregate care residences. The fully vaccinated status for a person in a certified residence does not change the need to have a resident quarantine for 14 days if exposed to the coronavirus whether vaccinated or not. This need to quarantine still remains and OPWDD reiterated that the newer CDC Guidance that relaxes that standard does not apply to congregate care facilities. Willow stated that should there be serious difficulties with any local Health departments, we can contact her. Willow has reached out to a number of Health Departments to intervene when asked.

Willow also has been working with DOH and the Governor's on Return to Work guidance. She expressed her own frustration as there are separate sets of guidelines that have different requirements within OPWDD certified settings.

Further discussion brought out the frustration expressed by family members and others about the restrictions on visitations, both in terms of quarantining and family visitations at the residences. Other concerns included the transportation limitations for individuals going to Day services, concern over the low number of staff who are vaccinated as they come and go daily, but restrictions for vaccinated family members continue.

Requests for OPWDD to consider regular and daily testing for staff was also raised.