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COMMUNITY & PROVIDER FORUM: COVID-19
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00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:08.279 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
People diagnosed with COVID to date, we have 429.

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So, we have 429 actual people who've been diagnosed with COVID.

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To date there have been 430 diagnoses. We have one diagnosis that says we have one person who

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tested negative, and then was retested and found to be

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positive the 2nd time.

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By placement type we have

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a total of 206 people who lived in or live in

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a supported living setting; 114 in intermediate care facilities.

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56 in natural homes, 37 in residential habilitation settings,

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nine in host home; four in out of

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state placements two in nursing homes and one in a mental health

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facility. In terms of COVID infection



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rate and death rate by placement and intermediate care facilities

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38% of all people living in ICF's tested positive with a total of 21% of all deaths being accounted for in intermediate care facilities.

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And the confirmed death rate of that 21%; 11% total were actually confirmed as

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Having died from COVID. In natural homes. 6% of all people were diagnosed with a positive COVID test and of all people living in natural homes

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8.9% of the deaths accounted for people living in natural homes. And in terms of confirmed deaths, it is 8.9%

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Residential visitation settings 33.6 people uh, I'm sorry,

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33.6% of all people

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living in residential habilitation settings, tested positive with the death rate of 8% of all people in residential habilitation settings with a confirmed COVID death rate of 5.4%

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supported living 22.1% of

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people live in supported living tested positive with about 10% of the deaths

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accounted for, from people living in a supported living at 7.2% of those people

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who died were confirmed. Overall, for all settings 17.8% of all people tested
positive for COVID and a

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death rate of 13.2% and of those

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00:03:23.849 --> 00:03:28.919
total deaths confirmed 8.6%.

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In terms of

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00:03:37.349 --> 00:03:43.259
COVID positive rates by placement types, this chart just gives you a breakdown of

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the settings where people live.

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00:03:46.979 --> 00:03:53.129
Fortunately, we have had no diagnoses in the month of May

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00:03:53.485 --> 00:04:06.504
nor the month of June to date. Of the people who tested positive for COVID we
have a breakout of 144 of those people requiring hospitalization inpatient and
again no

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00:04:06.504 --> 00:04:13.254
In-patient hospitalizations in May and June because no positive cases.

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00:04:17.310 --> 00:04:22.529
Concurrently we have none of the people who tested positive hospitalized

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00:04:22.764 --> 00:04:27.625



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Of people diagnosed with COVID we have a total of 57 who have died.

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Um, we have 14 of those 57 confirmed as not COVID-related and we are awaiting a confirmation on six of those

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outstanding cases, so to date there have only been 20 of 37 confirmed

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COVID related deaths and

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This chart gives you a break-out of the 37 who have been confirmed as having COVID related deaths. I should just let you note that for the month of March 2021

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we have a slight error so, there should be two in that month opposed to one. So, if you count the bubbles, you'll get 36, but the month of March will be correct in that slide to add one more person.

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Provider staff diagnosed with COVID to date. We have 697 who've tested positive for COVID 51 of those people

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worked for more than one provider and unfortunately, 10 of them that have died from COVID to date.

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Vaccinations and rates people supported by DDA,

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we report it as of yesterday a 74% vaccination rate in host homes,

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accounted for 72% total people and host homes,



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having at least one vaccination and ICFs 96% of people living in ICF's have been vaccinated and natural homes 57% vaccination rate.

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and in residential rehabilitation settings and 94% vaccination rate, supported living 83%, vaccination rate, and of provider staff as 6/17 we have a 56% vaccination rate.

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And that folks, is the end of our COVID related data.

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We're going to open now

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To see if we have any questions that have come in and

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hopefully I'm not sharing my screen anymore.

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Whoops, I will.

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Oh, Gee.

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00:07:12.658 --> 00:07:16.709

All right, we'll take any questions as I try to

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screen, **KIRK DOBSON** so I made myself a presenter, so you're no longer sharing on the screen.

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00:07:28.228 --> 00:07:32.278 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
It's always great to have help.

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00:07:33.838 --> 00:07:38.218
All right do we have any questions that were presented?

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And I know we had a question about a

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variants and I believe we have Dr. Denson from

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00:07:51.358 --> 00:07:57.838
The DC Health here to answer that question.

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00:07:57.838 --> 00:08:01.199
Dr. Denson are you available?

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00:08:01.199 --> 00:08:05.548 **Dr. ARNITRA DENSON**
Hi, good afternoon. Everyone I am here. Was there a specific question?

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00:08:07.259 --> 00:08:17.009 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Well, we had some concerns about the variants. Of the new variants that are being discussed in the media,

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00:08:17.009 --> 00:08:23.488
we were wondering if you could share about the variants, your knowledge about the variants.

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00:08:23.488 --> 00:08:26.488 **Dr. Anitra Denson**
Sure, so all of the

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variants that have been discussed in the media, being what they're calling variants of concern,

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So, variants that are more transmissible than the 1st base line.

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COVID-19 variant have been

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detected in the US, at large and also specifically

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In DC, or in the DC metro area.

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Obviously, you know, every positive result does not necessarily

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sequence or it doesn't necessarily have their DNA tested. So, we don't have an absolute number of how many of our cases are

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the Delta variant, which is the one with people we're hearing about a lot now, which is the one that was

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Fortunately, identified in

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India.

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Our public health web does

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a surveillance, they sequence a certain number

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Of positive tests every week

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And we also sometimes get Lab reports from Lab Corp

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00:09:34.499 --> 00:09:38.668
Um, as well, so in this past week, we've had

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4% of what's been sequenced

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were the Delta variants so that doesn't mean 4% of all positives, but just 4% of the small subset

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of samples that were sequenced right now we don't have a good sense

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About whether those are all imported cases.

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00:09:57.509 --> 00:10:01.318
from someplace else, or if they actually were infected here.

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00:10:01.318 --> 00:10:07.168
Just because we don't have enough information yet, but the Delta variant has been detected in DC.

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00:10:08.908 --> 00:10:12.089 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Now, back.

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00:10:12.089 --> 00:10:19.739



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from a public health perspective, what would you say the public should be concerned about with regard to the variant?

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00:10:19.739 --> 00:10:23.399 **DR. DENSON**
So, similar to the

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I want to compare it now to the British variant. When the British variant first came out

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and the news was saying, oh, this is so much more transmissible and it kind of replaces, oh yeah got to a point where almost replaced

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00:10:36.119 --> 00:10:39.749
All of the other circulating virus in the UK.

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So, for comparison now, in the UK, the Delta virus

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has almost replaced that 1st, British variant.

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So, this variant is more transmissible

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00:10:51.958 --> 00:10:57.568
Um, you were still waiting on more data to see if it's actually

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causes more severe illness.

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But just kind of playing the numbers since it's more transmissible more people can get sick.

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It may result in more deaths just because it can infect more people if that makes sense.

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00:11:14.278 --> 00:11:19.528 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Is the current vaccination effective against this variant?

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00:11:19.528 --> 00:11:26.489 **DR. DENSON**

Yes, so the vaccine is effective against the delta variant.

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There may be more people who test positive, but in terms of people who get sick

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and in terms of preventing severe illness and preventing hospitalization the vaccines is still very effective at doing that.

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00:11:41.849 --> 00:11:47.219 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

So, as a leader within this

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and then the delivery system,

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I believe it would be important for us to continue to ensure that people who are vulnerable, whether they've been vaccinated or not are taking

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precautions to mitigate the virus by practicing safe, distancing, hand hygiene and other

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mitigation strategy and though, you know

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Many of the restrictions have been lifted. I think that we should be very cautious with people who are vulnerable and susceptible because of other comorbidities.



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00:12:37.979 --> 00:12:45.719 **DR. DENSON**

100% I fully agree. Um, even when the British variant first came out, and we didn't have information on whether or not the vaccines work,

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And everybody was upset one of the main and first things

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we started saying to people was all the things that you did before to not, get COVID before still work.

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So, washing your hands, not touching your face.

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You know, maintaining social distance, all those things.

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Work for any bearing, it works for the common cold works for the flu, right?

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So, even though the things about the variant sound

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Scary the basic things that we do to avoid getting sick also still work.

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Vaccination, vaccination, vaccination. Vaccine's work.

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You know, serious side effects are

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Where, and, like you said, to just maintain



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00:13:29.938 --> 00:13:33.058
Vigilance particularly with our vulnerable populations.

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00:13:35.548 --> 00:13:40.619 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Dr. Denson and I can't thank you enough for being here for us today because

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00:13:40.619 --> 00:13:46.048
you know, we here to try to answer as many of the questions we can.

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But, you know, we have to defer to your expertise in those at DC Health, when it comes to certain

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00:13:53.818 --> 00:13:58.828
well, most of this, and we thank you guys.

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00:13:58.828 --> 00:14:01.889 **DR. DENSON**
Oh, I was happy to help.

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00:14:03.149 --> 00:14:12.509 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Appreciate that, I see we have one question that just came up and I'm going to try.

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00:14:12.509 --> 00:14:26.548 **QUESTION**
So you have a question, is there any information on a version of the Delta variant spreading? I believe that question was answered.

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and

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00:14:31.288 --> 00:14:42.624
Deputy Kirk Dobson says while the goal is to provide education and encouragement on the safety of the vaccine prior providers may require staff and people supported to receive the vaccine.

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00:14:42.984 --> 00:14:49.104 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**



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What guidance if any DDS give providers regarding vaccination or requirements.

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00:14:49.379 --> 00:14:57.509 **KIRK DOBSON**

And the question is coming from somebody in the community, I just posted it to everyone group. Oh, thank you Kurt.

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00:14:57.509 --> 00:15:03.119 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

So those from DC Health

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If I stumble over this, please correct me. But to date, I don't think there are any requirements for

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providers to have there are not vaccination requirements. However, we are strongly encouraging providers and their staff

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to ensure that their staff as well as the people supported are vaccinated.

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Um, just to hop and from a DC Health point of view.

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00:15:38.188 --> 00:15:43.019 D.C. Health

You see, DC Health also has not put out any statements requiring

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Vaccinations of providers.

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But the CDC has put out a statement

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For people who have concerns about, EEOC

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And concerns about whether or not individual businesses can require

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Vaccinations. Daryl, I don't know if you have that link handy to post new chat.

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But for any places that are considering it, you do have some

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00:16:08.399 --> 00:16:16.889 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Backup from the CDC in the acronym stands for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Yes, thank you.

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00:16:20.788 --> 00:16:23.938 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**

We have a note

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From one of our providers, we have a large immigrant population that work in our field.

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It's important to know when international travel occurs and educate our employees to the CDC and

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DC Health guidelines also educate on how now more than ever the importance to get vaccinated! exclamation point for emphasis. Thank you so much for that comment.

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00:16:50.999 --> 00:17:00.239 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**

We have another question. Do we have information whether anyone in the 4% Delta variant case cases?

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In D.C. are vaccinated people what were the outcome of those infected with the variant Delta variants in terms of illness, hospitalization, and deaths. So, I will defer to DC Health on that.

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Sure, so again, remember that 4% doesn't necessarily mean 4 percent of all cases now in D. C. or Delta variants.

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That was 4% of a limited sample size, so that's one.

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2, since these are surveillance sample, we don't have any other clinical information.

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This is genuinely just so balance of the samples that we had at the public health lab. So

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Um, and even if I did have that information, probably for

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Confidentiality reasons, I probably wouldn't be able to share it, but all we have is just basic surveillance information right now.

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00:17:49.558 --> 00:17:56.669 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

We have another question is DDS considering offering financial or other

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incentive to encourage provider staff

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and their own staff to get vaccinated with regard to the first part of the question.

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To provide, or staff question is yes, we are considering, uh, incentives and with regard to our own staff, the city

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which is DCHR offered an incentive for people to

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report their vaccination status.

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and I will defer to

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our HR Executive on that

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because I know there is an incentive and I'm kind of

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I'm vaccinated, so I believe I'll get the incentive, but I'm not certain whether it's reported.

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Reporting your rate, but I believe it is reporting your having been fully vaccinated before you get that.

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00:19:02.878 --> 00:19:11.189 **JESSICA GRAY**

And that is correct. Winslow, the incentive is only afforded to employees who are fully vaccinated.

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00:19:13.229 --> 00:19:24.959 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you. Jessica and Daryl Hawkins from DC Health has posted the link to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Covid related questions and employees.



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Very helpful and we have a question on what is the incentive for those working for

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The District, if you're fully vaccinated, you will receive a day off.

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I believe it's a day off, and with regard to providers and their staff, we have not yet finalized specifically what incentives, but we are discussing

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the use of incentive. **KIRK DOBSON** at this point Winslow

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if you don't mind, I am going to ask Danielle Darby if she's able to speak. Some of the efforts RCM has completed to incentivize their staff.

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Excellent.

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Sure, sure. Thanks.

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Excuse me, we've actually seen a pretty big uptick in our number of staff that have been vaccinated.

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Recently, we probably

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About we've been giving throughout the, since the vaccines been available, we've been giving staff \$50.

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Which sounds kind of minimal, but



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Mean, the reality is we have a lot of staff, so we have about 310 staff, so

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you know that the exposure is quite large and so we started with that.

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And then we realized that it was going to take a lot more than a \$50 incentive.

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To get people vaccinated, so we kind of with my, um, clinical director

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and my HR person, we kind of brainstorm some ideas and

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We came up with, uh, we first started with

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giving our mid-level managers

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Um, large bonuses for getting staff vaccinated, because we realized.

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Who do the staff trust? Most right? So.

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It's those mid-level managers that they see day in and day out.

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And so, we started with giving them large bonuses.

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Uh, upwards of \$3,000 dollars apiece.

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Based on the percentage of staff they got.

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Um, uh, vaccinated, so, if it was 70%, 80%, 90% et cetera so we did that and that

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worked quite a bit actually, we had a couple of teams

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That hit the 90% mark with all their staff, which I think was exciting.

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And we have several staff that are getting closer and closer as we speak.

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So that was one thing and then we decided to do a, just a

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raffle, you know, you've seen it on the news, States are giving away \$1 million dollars. Clearly. We don't have that to give away but, um.

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So, we came up with three things that we wanted to have a large ticket items that we wanted to give away with. Um.

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Uh, on a raffle that we're actually having on July the 6th.

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So, anybody that is fully vaccinated, or at least received one dose

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Is eligible and then if they're a person who just has one dose, they have to wait to get the gift until they receive their 2nd doses. So we can confirm that they actually receive it.

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But the prizes are large prizes, so we're giving away \$3,000 dollars cash.

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The 2nd prize is a weekend to either the beach.

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For, um, the Chesapeake Bay.

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or Great Wolfe Lodge for those folks that have kids.

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You know, kids love that place and then the 3rd thing was a, um, an iPad.

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So, we, once we announce that our numbers shot up dramatically.

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And then we're also giving away \$250 dollars cash every Friday in the month of July.

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In addition to that as well. So, we've had a tremendous

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Spike in our numbers, I think I told you earlier, we had we have 310 staff.

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As of 2 weeks ago, I don't have my current count I apologize but we were at 207 staff vaccinated. I know we're higher than that now, but

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Um, it really has been a big incentive. I feel like we were hovering around the 30% mark forever.

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Those were the people who obviously were eager to get the, the vaccine.

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And so through a lot of work,

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We've gotten up to 70% or so.

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And I think the last thing I'll say is the other thing that really helped is

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Two of our most trusted folks in the organization, which is our clinical director.

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I feel like everybody knows him and then our training person again, somebody that everybody's gotten to know throughout the pandemic, because they've been doing virtual trainings.

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The entire year, so what they did was they took it upon themselves to call individually everybody who's not vaccinated

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and speak to them and kind of get what their fears are, you know, is it something they're thinking about? They're absolutely not thinking about what can we do to help. And so, I think just a little bit of a personal phone call

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kind of gave a few folks the push they needed.

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And then also, we have our primary care doctor

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Kind of at our disposal, if we need folks that, um, I want to speak with a position and the physician is not available, et cetera.

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Just to give guidance, not give medical advice, but guidance. So.

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It's just one of the things that we've done to really boost our numbers over the last

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I don't know 45 days or so.

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00:25:24.929 --> 00:25:38.338 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you Daniel, that's most helpful. Sounds like very creative and thoughtful way to try to move your organization forward. Thank you for your efforts.

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We have a comment, thank you for this information, Daniel. Creative incentives.

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Silence.

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Kind of quiet.

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I think these calls are very helpful.

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Particularly those

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additions to the call that are from our providers.

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Our advocates and our partners at DC Health.

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They have a question.

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00:26:52.558 --> 00:27:01.019 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**

Does anyone know whether people receiving services have requested that their DSPs get vaccinated?

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and whether that has inspired DSPs to get back to get vaccinated.

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I'll leave that open to anyone who can answer. I know from meetings we've had with Project Action.

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Several of the self-advocates who are regular participants are on that call

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Have stated their concerns with their staff being vaccinated and

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have pretty much requested that staff, or at least one that I know that requested that staff working with them

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Be vaccinated, so I'll leave that open. If anyone wants to chime in.

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On that we'll move forward to it would be great to get similar presentations from other providers about their efforts.

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And then you have Daniel did you learn anything unexpected about fears.

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through the individual phone calls so Daniel, if you're still on the line, and for any other provider that would like to add what they've done in terms of, uh.

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Incentive to their staff or encouragement education will welcome that, but I'll go back to Danielle. She's still on the line. The question is, did you learn anything unexpected about fears through the individual phone calls?

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00:28:34.288 --> 00:28:45.778 **DANIEL DARBY**

Uh, thanks for the question, Robin I think since I didn't personally make the phone calls I don't know what everyone said, but I do know from conversations with my clinical director

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Who's actually on the call and may be able to answer better than me.

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If somebody wants to unmute Berhanie Tessama.

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But I'll just say what I know, which is

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A lot of people have misinformation.

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A lot of folks excuse me, fears were around how quickly the vaccination

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was developed, and we kind of went through the whole process and said, you know, that's not actually accurate. So we kind of gave a lot more information. This is information we've given many times.



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But again, it's just people don't always look at what we give or pay attention when we're

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hosting town halls are actually joined, etc. so much of it was around misinformation and the other thing was, you know, other reasons are

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You know, my brother cousin, uncle, mom

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had a reaction, and now I'm scared to get the vaccine and so kind of just talking through those fears was helpful and

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I don't know if Berhanie has anything he would like to add if he's unmuted.

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00:29:54.598 --> 00:29:59.368 **KIRK DOBSON**

He has the ability to mute himself.

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00:29:59.368 --> 00:30:04.318 **BERHANIE TESSAMA**

All right so I'm on. Good afternoon. Can everyone hear me now?

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Yes, sure. Thank you for the opportunity. So, we did make a call individually to see what was the reason why people hasn't been taking the vaccine.

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And for the most part

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You know, this misinformation or disinformation from.

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Ministry media, social media and, you know, people



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That the staff trust is most important to me. So we kind of had a one on one conversation with what their concern is. So we were able to get most people vaccinated at this point.

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In addition to the credit incentives we talked about.

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Uh, we also noted that every single person who is pregnant declined taking the vaccine, which is understandable.

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We only have about roughly I would say, less than 20 people who are still undecided, because they are not totally interested in taking the vaccine, or they have experienced some sort of

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unwanted effect, or they have heard about people sharing.

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You know, certainly a side effect of the vaccine in general. So, uh, pretty much it's a common disinformation and misinformation that have been most common problem. We try to address that my staff as well as the

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Primary care physician for most of our people supported, but obviously that saying most

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did get the vaccine and a few more are getting the vaccine at the end of this month. Uh, there's a handful of them who are

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You know, still not interested in taking the vaccine.

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00:31:52.199 --> 00:31:55.979 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Thank you for your efforts Berhanie.

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00:31:55.979 --> 00:32:09.568 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**
We have a question. Is there any plan that with higher vaccine rates among DSPs masking requirements would change? Is there any sense that fully vaccinated DSPs

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Would eventually not be required to mask a number of our sister organizations in other states have been able to implement this type of system.

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And a few of our team have asked as this would be an option for our DSPs. Well, I will defer to DC Health because, as you know

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All of our guidance comes from DC Health with regard to requirements and settings. So I will defer to my colleagues at DC Health on this question.

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00:32:44.939 --> 00:32:58.374 **NELSON VANUCCI**
Thanks and this is Nelson from DC Health. I'd like to start off by saying that it's great to hear that. Um, other states and areas are progressing to that point.

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We're continuing to evaluate, um, information that comes from the CDC to evaluate our current guidelines. Um, we do that all the time constantly.

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Especially during the pandemic and, one thing I can say to answer that question specifically is, future plans really are going to depend on the setting.

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Those that don't know some new OSHA guidance that either, I think became effective on June 21st. It's a new emergency, temporary standard, which I'm not yet an expert on.

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And so I will defer any questions for right now on it.



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But it is available to read online, but OSHA has put out some very specific COVID related mandates, including masking and social distancing, and things like that

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And so, some of the lifting and the removal of those requirements are really going to be based on their definitions. And those settings that will be allowed to do that.

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So I hope that answers that question, We're going to continue to evaluate and we definitely understand that

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we don't want these masks to be forever, but we also need to make sure that what we do is evidence based for the safety of a very high risk and susceptible population.

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00:34:25.318 --> 00:34:29.309 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

Thank you so much Nelson. We have

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in the chat

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We have an announcement

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And that announcement comes from Health and Joy is inviting you and all people we support to a monthly virtual ZOOM party. The topic is

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virtual monthly party with live D. J. the last Friday of each month.

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From 6 to 7 P. M. and the theme.



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This week is celebrating Michael Jackson's anniversary and it's a Zoom meeting and the link meeting ID and passcode. Are

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within the chat, I don't know how we can best share that with people who are not on the

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the actual

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Webex via computer so if there's a way we can share that

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I'll defer to our great support team

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To be able to share that

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and from that we have another one, especially the use of face shields in the home.

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00:35:47.878 --> 00:36:00.418 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**

They are not using facial shields in hospital settings in D.C. so why are we required to do so in a small home environment?

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I believe that's a question and

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commentary for which I will also defer to our expert colleagues at DC Health.

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00:36:11.579 --> 00:36:15.119 **DARYL HAWKINS**

Hi Winslow so this is Daryl Hawkins from DC Health.



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I do want to clarify that. We still currently

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have guidance for required personal protective equipment for health care personnel in healthcare settings.

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So, health care settings in this regard, refers to, ICFs for example, and

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CRF's and in that guidance along with hospitals,

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eye protection is required while we're in Phase 2.

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If the health care personnel is within 6 feet

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Of a patient or a person supported.

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So, while perhaps in hospitals, you're not wearing them, you're not seeing the health care personnel wear it

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throughout universally, they still have those requirements in place while we're in Phase 2.

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And that guidance can be found on our website that we always kind of plug, but it's on coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance.

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and I would also refer obviously all of your providers to take a look at our specific guidance for

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their setting for supported living and CRF and for ICFs we have guidance

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there that kind of outlines that, but also refers back to PPE for health care personnel.

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00:37:30.509 --> 00:37:39.298 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**

Thanks Daryl. We have a question. Has there been any final determination? Day? Providers are to follow

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for retail/services

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COVID requirements day providers were told last week that it

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would receive confirmation this week, but the day provider meeting was canceled.

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Um,

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I'll take that one

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so,

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day prior should be following the general retail services guidelines at this time they are not to be following are the

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guidelines for day services,

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adult day services on the corona-virus website do not apply to our data source.

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The services providers, if you have any other questions, please follow up with your Quality Resource Specialist, your quality resource specialist can better guide you. Again, there are no updates. You should be following that general guidance for retail and services.

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00:38:28.440 --> 00:38:38.489 **NELSON VANUCCI**
I would also just add that the day services, adult day services guidance that was on the DC Health website has been removed for quite some time. It's been

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several weeks, if not a month, um, that that's been removed.

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00:38:45.929 --> 00:38:48.989 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
Thank you both.

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00:38:55.769 --> 00:38:59.849 **QUESTION**
Any update on the DC planning

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for the use of the ARPA Funds?

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00:39:06.090 --> 00:39:09.300 **KIRK DOBSON**
Do you want me to take this one Winslow?

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So, the department of healthcare finance DHCF held their public input meeting last week, or this Wednesday that just passed.



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And so we are still in the public information session part of this exercise as well still trying to get additional suggestions for items that can be funded using ARPA.

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Once we have completed,

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kind of getting that public input,

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we will assemble what we have DHCF and DDS and other agencies involved,

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and we will post that to the website that has been created on the DHCF portal and share it with folks on this call as well.

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So, we're still in the planning phase of getting public input and

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compiling all of that together. **WINSLOW WOODLAND** just as a general information

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piece the District is not actually receiving funding.

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The District has been afforded the opportunity to decrease its share

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Of the Medicaid payment, and that money was budgeted well in advance and because we don't have to pay as much for the services that we're.

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Delivering our share has been decreased and the ARPA funds are actually

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being forwarded to decrease the amount of our share for a set period of time.

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It's not unlimited, but it's a said period. **NELSON VANUCCI** It's Nelson. I'd also like to just add that

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It looks like the OSHA, new emergency, temporary standard was published on June 21st and became effective at that time. My colleague Andrea has posted in the chat, a link where providers can go and read that.

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I would encourage them to do that sooner rather than later as there are time limitations.

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2 weeks, and some of them are like 30 days for to become compliant with the new guidelines. And so I'm not sure what fines are associated afterwards, but I'm sure there are some.

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So, you are encouraged to check that out and we are still also digesting it at DC Health to see what if any impact there has, it has on our current guidance.

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And for those on the phone, it is.

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and the DC Health guidance can be found at

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coronavirus.dc/healthguidance

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And just to add that one, so just yeah, you know I

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share the sentiments and Nelson just signed the state, because there are some requirements that are 14 days from that time and a lot of these requirements applied to healthcare type facilities and healthcare settings that have employees of 10 or more employees.

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So, please get to that website as soon as possible to try to review the requirements that are laid out.

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00:42:29.280 --> 00:42:35.940 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**
There is a question as for people,

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our people.

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start going back to day services

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What is the rationale behind following retail guidance in day services yet having vaccinated employees and homes with fully vaccinated people adhering to much more stringent PPE

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requirements in the homes.



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Oh, go ahead.

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00:43:13.230 --> 00:43:19.889 **KIRK DOBSON**

No, just saying just ask whoever just to post that question if you could post it to the everyone tab. Because so we can see, I just.

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00:43:20.244 --> 00:43:30.804 **NELSON VANUCCI**

Seeing that it is. So go ahead. I'm sorry. That's okay. I can try to answer that question and I think I discussed this several weeks ago.

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Also, when we announced that we were going to be removing the adult services guidance

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A lot of it, there was extensive discussion, the senior leaders with senior leadership, and a lot of it has to do with the facilities that aren't directly licensed by DC Health

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and so that that really was a major factor in determining removal of those guidelines.

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That being said we have offered multiple times and had conversations with other leadership

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and offered to collaborate with them and development of their own guidelines to be able to ensure a safe environment.



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So we have

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had some interest, but not much interest in that. And so DC Health is available to collaborate in that effort?

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It's very strange when we have guidance and then suddenly, we don't have guidance. There's a little bit of a vacuum there sometimes.

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And so we definitely want to help bridge that and get back to pre-COVID where facilities are making their own policies and things like that. And we're definitely able to assist with that.

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00:44:52.079 --> 00:44:59.130 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**

We have another question, what is the rationale for staff wearing face shields

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when both the staff and the person supported are vaccinated any plan for DC Health reviewing

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The merits are requiring wearing facial shields in line with the existence scientific evidence for community based residential facilities, including an ICF and CRF?

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00:45:22.650 --> 00:45:33.114 **NELSON VANUCCI**

So, the current guidelines still from the CDC are that while there's moderate to substantial community spread eye protection is still recommended for healthcare personnel.

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And so,

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like,

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we've stated before we have added in our guidance for health care settings that,

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while DC is in phase 2,

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as Daryl said,

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eye protection,

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when,

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within 6 feet of a

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Person supported is required and when DC transitions into Phase, 3, eye protection will no longer be required.

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00:45:58.019 --> 00:46:08.639
So, as I shared, I think a couple of weeks ago DC is in leadership is in discussion looking at our current

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rates transmission rates and case rates into transitioning into phase 3. um, and so I think we do have that to look forward to.

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00:46:19.829 --> 00:46:27.869 **QUESTION**
I have another question; it is my understanding it's supported living homes are not directly license by DC health.



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00:46:27.869 --> 00:46:33.119 **Daryl Hawkins**
While ResHabs and ICFs are, can DC Health clarify.

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00:46:38.460 --> 00:46:42.000 **DARYL HAWKINS**
Hi, this is the Daryl Hawkins and I'm not sure if

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Karen Springfield is on the line. She can probably quote this at the top of her head, but

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currently DC Health directly licenses ICFs and CRFs,

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supported livings, which are not ICFs or CRFs are not licensed directly by DC Health.

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00:47:03.570 --> 00:47:09.360 **KAREN STRINGFIELD**
That is accurate. Yeah, it was. This is Karen. That's accurate. Thank you.

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00:47:09.360 --> 00:47:21.570
Thanks, Karen.

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00:47:28.289 --> 00:47:31.829 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
We are at 12:54.

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We can wait these few minutes out

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To see if anyone has any additional questions.

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The OSHA regulations indicate is not to apply to

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Quote,

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home health care settings where all employees are fully vaccinated and all non-employees are screened prior to entry and people with suspected COVID-19 are

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not present”.

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00:48:21.114 --> 00:48:26.875 **DARYL HAWKINS**

Yeah, I can. That is correct. So it also doesn't apply to settings.

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So an example would be an outpatient clinic who purposely screens any individual that may have COVID-19 and does not provide services to anyone with COVID-19 or suspected cover symptoms.

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But I will,

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00:48:40.735 --> 00:48:42.144

in addition to the OSHA ets.

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If the setting does not apply to that,

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we also want to re-

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emphasize that the DC health has guidance for healthcare settings,

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including home,

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health services,

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and required for those individuals.

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So, looking at both and checking both links, depending on your setting and population, you serve and understanding which regulations apply.

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Um, is really important and

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there's some clarification to the question, the first question is my understanding is supported living in homes are not directly licensed by DC Health while ICF and CFR are. Can you clarify?

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00:49:22.074 --> 00:49:36.114 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
And we have an additional clarification I asked, because Nelson seemed to suggest face shield where required insights license by DC Health. I believe they're also required and supported living homes.

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00:49:37.195 --> 00:49:50.215 **NELSON VANUCCI**
So, just to clarify my, my comments about the licensing was directly related to the question about why we removed guidance related to adult day programs.

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The licensing answer had nothing to do with the facial requirement that DC Health has for healthcare providers.

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00:50:03.179 --> 00:50:17.335 **WINSLOW WOODLAND (QUESTION)**
And another question is this how, and this is a follow up to the OSHA regulations indicated does not apply to home healthcare settings where all employees are fully vaccinated and all non-employees are screened. The follow-up

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00:50:17.335 --> 00:50:22.764
Is, is this how it will be assessed by DC Health when creating guidance?



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And so I'm guessing that question

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is asking if DC Health is going to update as guidance based on OSHA regulations.

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00:50:49.105 --> 00:50:54.085 **NELSON VANUCCI**

So oh, okay. Sorry I was trying to understand the question before I answered.

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So,

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like I said,

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DC Health is still digesting what is in the new emergency,

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temporary standard by OSHA,

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and we're evaluating how,

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if at all our guidance is impacted,

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we will not be contradictory to OSHA regulations and providers should still follow OSHA regulations.

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00:51:22.289 --> 00:51:33.030 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

And we have another due to the facts that supported living is not licensed by DC Health does the face shields apply to those settings?



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Eva.

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So, the question is, I would say is

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00:51:48.179 --> 00:51:53.159 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**
If you're supporting someone in a supportive living setting, they have to wear a face shield?

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In go ahead.

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00:51:56.670 --> 00:52:03.809
Oh, go ahead. No, I was just going to defer to you so okay.

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00:52:03.809 --> 00:52:09.210 **DARYL HAWKINS**
Our DC guidance for and CRFs and supported living currently says.

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In addition to universal masking, staff must wear protection.

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when within 6 feet, in a person's living facility

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while we are in phase 2, so again, I would just one reference our, your specific facilities guidance on our corona.virus.gov

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website under health guidance, and we do have a guidance document that is directed just for support of living and

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Sorry. Go ahead. No, I was just going to say



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What may be helpful and you all a DC Health can correct me when you all are issuing guidance on

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strategies to mitigate the spread.

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You are responsible for licensed facilities as well as the general health of the public.

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Correct. Okay. I will also add

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going back to the OSHA question, DC Health

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Continues to make sure that our guidance.

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Aligns with federal regulations that we are not more lax than federal regulations. And that, in addition that we look at our guidance based on our local

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Transmission and information and best scientific guidance to provide

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Our guidance, so our guidance may be more stringent than other jurisdictions, or even sometimes some federal regulations based on what we are seeing in our

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local spread transmission in our community and based on the most available scientific evidence.

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00:53:58.769 --> 00:54:02.639 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**



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We have a common DC Health

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ANDREW REESE

This is Andy, I was just wanting to jump in for a second and also point out to people that the Mayor's Orders started all the way back in

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April of 2020 established

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some authority for

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putting a lot of this in place in placements where people supported by DDA live

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and in the most recent order what the Mayor said in removing that was that

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DC Health, would issue guidance about the appropriate steps that needed to be taken? And so the authority

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While supported living might not be licensed by DC Health. The authority for DC Health guidance controlling in that circumstance is the Mayor's orders and those are also on the corona virus website.

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00:54:58.440 --> 00:55:06.210 **WINSLOW WOODLAND**

So, I think that comment answers the, I'm sorry, I think that response answers.

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The comment that is DC health has been treating supported living from the start as though supported livings are DC Health license facility. I question that interpretation.

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And I think, I think Director Reese response prior to

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me reading that comment may have answered that.

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Have directly answered that.

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Well, folks, it has been a wonderful and formative collaborative

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forum I just hope everyone has a safe.

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And enjoy the rest of the afternoon and weekend and

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We will be looking forward to

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Meeting with you again next Friday.

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This last comment I do want to clarify that as providers we're extremely grateful for the support that DC Health is providing I think that that is

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A wonderful way to end this call. I thank all of you participated providers advocates stakeholders and be well.

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Oh, yes, they have been super responsive.

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And you're quite welcome Carole, ever appreciative for your participation and your efforts on behalf of the people we serve. Thank you. Everyone have a great evening. Great weekend.

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Bye.