

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES**

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## **DDS TRANSMITTAL# 21-11**

TO: All Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Providers

FROM: Shasta Brown, Acting Deputy Director, Quality Assurance and Performance

Management Administration

**DATE:** December 23, 2021

**RE:** Suspension of in-person visit, monitoring, and reviews

The Department on Disability Services (DDS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), releases this transmittal to inform DDA providers that DDS is suspending in-person visits due to the increase spread of the Delta and Omicron variants. Effective December 23, 2021, DDS employees will conduct all meetings, monitoring, and/or reviews virtually (e.g., Webex, Zoom, or Teams). Providers are required to ensure technology is available for the person and staff to participate in the meeting. The suspension is expected to last until January 31, 2022.

DDS employees will conduct an in-person visit if deemed essential or an emergency requires a visit to the day program and/or residential setting.

DDS office will remain open to the public. Per the Mayor's order 2021-147, all members of the public must wear a mask indoors, which includes, but is not limited to, District Government buildings.

Any questions you may have please call Winslow Woodland at 202.730.1618 or winslow.woodland@dc.gov.

If you have questions about QAPMA provider relations or QRS specific information, please contact Shasta Brown at (202) 730-1754 or <a href="mailto:shasta.brown@dc.gov">shasta.brown@dc.gov</a>

