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**DDS TRANSMITTAL# 21-10**

TO: All Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Residential and Day Services Providers

FROM: Crystal Thomas, Manager of the State Office of Policy Planning and Innovation

DATE: December 22, 2021

RE: Indoor Mask and Booster Shot Requirements and Proof of Vaccination in Response to Public Emergency

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On Monday, December 20, 2021, Mayor Bowser released Mayor's Order 2021-147, declaring a public emergency associated with COVID-19. The Order immediately returns indoor mask requirements to places in which they were recently lifted and strengthens vaccine requirements for District employees, contractors, and grantees. Additionally, Mayor's Order 2021-148, released today, requires certain indoor establishments to verify proof of vaccination of its guests, visitors or customers over the age of twelve (12) prior to entering the premises.

Over the past month, daily COVID-19 case rates in the District have grown sharply since the emergence of the Delta and Omicron variants. To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and further strain on health care facilities and hospitals, the Mayor has reimposed the indoor mask mandate that was lifted on November 19, 2021. This change primarily affects restaurants, recreation facilities and other businesses, as the masking requirements were not lifted for schools, health care facilities and other congregate facilities in November.

Additionally, starting January 15, 2022, customers of indoor establishments such as restaurants, entertainment venues and exercise facilities will be required to show proof of vaccination for entry. (A list of covered facilities can be found [here](#).) The Department of Health (DOH) will release further guidance on the scope and implementation of these requirements as well as any exceptions.

Order 2021-147 also requires District government employees, contractors, and grantees to obtain of a booster shot as part of the existing vaccination requirement. Additional guidance will be released on how to submit proof of a booster shot as well as removal of the "test out" option for District employees.

District government agencies that issue licenses, permits or other authorizations may issue additional rules to carry out these orders and take enforcement action against a person or

entity violating these orders. District government contractors may also be subject to exclusion and other contractual remedies for violating this order.

If you have any questions about this transmittal, please contact Crystal Thomas at 202-730-1751 or [Crystal.Thomas2@dc.gov](mailto:Crystal.Thomas2@dc.gov).