



Coronavirus Covid-19

- Update 9
- May 31, 2020
- Tender Care Pediatric Services

Tender Care Actions over Past Week

Minimize interaction – Social distancing continues. Safer at home. Businesses continue to re-open with precautions (slide 4). Telehealth visits for Case Managers and Therapists same. We are entering week 13, first CDC standards of care published March 7 and 8.

Supply shortage – Continue to protect supplies. Think about using masks long term with our clients who rely on verbal cues (slides 10 and 11)

Personal protective equipment – Conserve; PPE kits available to PDNs with medical grade face masks. N –95 masks arrived – 24 available and will be issued for Covid-19 positive case. Waiting for additional stock.

Risk assessment and notification – Temperature assessment in all homes. Medically complex children vulnerable (slides 18,19 and 20 provide food for thought about Disability services – check out Ireland's Bumbleance – slide 19 and 20)

Home care nursing families (Private Duty Nursing (PDN) homes- Cases on hold. Parents still electing to restrict staff to 'TCPS' only, not employed at medical centers. Acute care nurses employed in medical centers are feeling loss of relationship with TCPS kids and families. This power point contains information about parent decision making (slides 7 and 8)

Dynamic workforce – Hiring new staff members carefully with virtual orientation. Devin Barth, OTR, has a CSU OT graduate student with her for next 3 months, Zach Williams. Devin is providing telehealth sessions (sides 14 and 15 explain new regulations for OT practice).

A microscopic view of several coronavirus particles. The particles are spherical with a greenish-grey core and a red, spiky outer layer of glycoprotein spikes. They are set against a blue, textured background. A white curved line separates the image from the text on the right.

Colorado Update – May 29, 2020

- State – 25, 613 cases
- Larimer County – 570 cases
- Weld County – 2,472 cases

May 27, 2020 Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) amended two public health orders, extending [Safer-at-Home](#) and [Voluntary and Elective Surgeries and Procedures](#).

The Safer at Home Executive Order has been amended and extended until June 1, 2020. According to that order, additional businesses **can open with abundant precautions**. This includes:

- Private campgrounds, effective May 25.
- Dine-in at restaurants, effective May 27.
- Day camps and sports camps for kids, effective June 1.
- Curbside service at libraries.
- Personal training at pools (indoor pools may have no more than 4 people).
- Ski resorts are allowed to work with their local public health agency to reopen

Stay at home recommendations still in place

- High risk – adults over 65 years of age and vulnerable individuals
- Physical distancing requirements – 6 feet between you and other
- Group gathering less than 10
- Non-medical cloth face covering that covers mouth and nose when in public, this is voluntary under Colorado law.
- Frequent questions
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KHIDYoXDkGFoDcaLZv4phxnPUUoSHHDe/view>



United States Update – May 31, 2020

- 1,778,017 cases
- 103,775 deaths
 - 29,829 of those COVID-19 deaths occurred in New York, 11,637 in New Jersey, 6,768 in Massachusetts, 5,463 in Michigan, 5,560 in Pennsylvania and 4,213 related deaths reported in California
- 64,479 cases among health care workers
- Most states have at least partially reopened (or are about to reopen), with just a few that are still under statewide lockdowns: **Delaware, Illinois and New Jersey**. Most of New York, except for New York City, has met the seven metrics needed for the first phase of reopening their economies.
- The [CDC has released its guidelines for reopening](#) various parts of society, including schools, childcare centers, restaurants and public transport.
- The CDC also offered [recommendations for offices should they reopen](#), including no public transit and no coffee pots or water coolers.

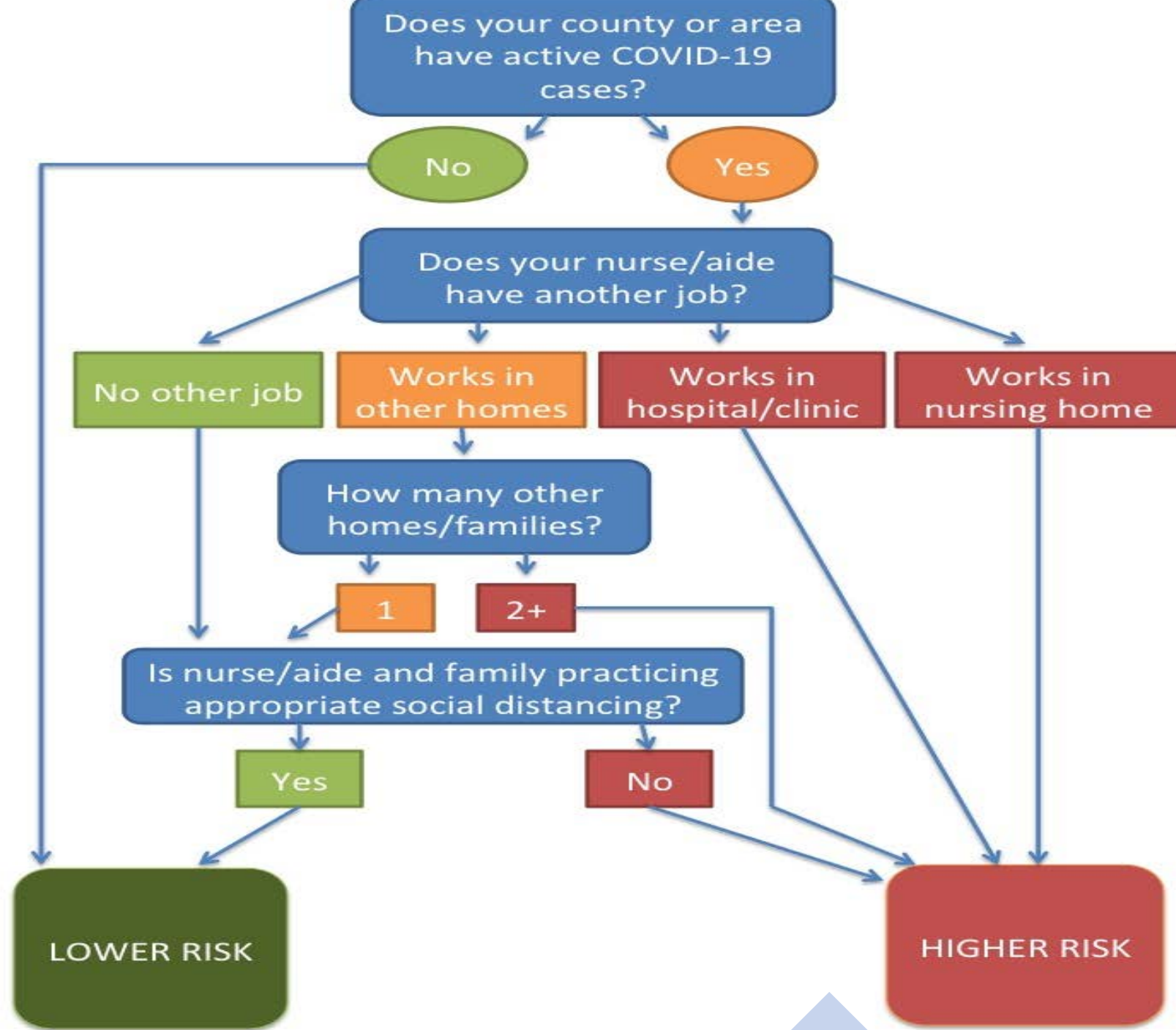
Resource : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

Should I Cancel My Child's Nurse or Aide? A Flowchart

- If your child requires 24-hour hands-on care, or needs an awake skilled nurse at all times, you have a much higher need for services than a child who only gets respite for a few hours a week. A nurse or aide who allows you to get appropriate sleep, take care of your other children, or work is likely critically important for your family. Of course, every situation is different, and only you can judge how much you need the nurse or aide.
- Once you have determined how much you actually need your nurse or aide, we've created a flowchart to help you make the decision whether to cancel a given nurse or aide. It's difficult to capture all scenarios in one flowchart, but we've tried to ask the most important questions to help you make your decisions.

Resource:

[tps://complexchild.org/articles/covid/nurse-aide/](https://complexchild.org/articles/covid/nurse-aide/)



Cloth Face Mask Instructions for Children



- file:///C:/Users/ellync/Downloads/Child-Size-Mask-Instructions_05-12-2020.pdf



Deaf and Hard of Hearing
resource: DHH Mask Project

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/reusable-masks-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing>



Five things to know about smell and taste loss in COVID-19 -May 21, 2020

While fever, cough and shortness of breath have characterized the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its list of common symptoms in late April to include a new loss of smell or taste.

According to Justin Turner, MD, PhD, associate professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and medical director of Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Smell and Taste Center, it's not uncommon for patients with viral upper respiratory infections to experience a temporary — or sometimes permanent — loss of taste or smell. These symptoms appear to be particularly prevalent in COVID-19.

Smell and taste loss in COVID-19

Q: How common is smell and taste loss in COVID-19?

- Up to 80% of people who test positive for COVID-19 have subjective complaints of smell or taste loss. That percentage rises when these patients are tested using objective methods that measure smell function. Most patients first notice problems with their sense of smell, but because smell is necessary to taste flavor, the symptoms are often connected.

Q: What is known about the COVID-19 cases where these symptoms occur?

- A recent study based on retrospective data showed that patients who had normal smell function in COVID-19 appeared to have a worse disease course and were more likely to be hospitalized and placed on a ventilator. This suggests patients who experience smell dysfunction may have a milder infection or disease. The data we have so far also suggest that in a substantial percentage of the COVID-19-infected population, smell loss can be one of the first — or only — signs of disease. It may precede symptoms that are more commonly associated with COVID-19, such as cough and fever. It has even been proposed that smell and taste loss could be a screening tool since these symptoms appear so early.

State Actions Affecting Occupational Therapy in Response to COVID-19— Updated Telehealth Policies as of May 20, 2020

- Health First Colorado temporarily expanded its telemedicine policy to add occupational therapy services (as well as physical therapy and home health hospice and pediatric behavioral therapy services) to the list of eligible interactive audiovisual telemedicine services.
- Department of Regulatory Agencies adopted emergency rule requiring carriers to reimburse providers for provision of telehealth services, including occupational therapy, using non-public facing audio or video communication products during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.
- Executive Order 2020 020 expanding the use of telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic and requiring insurers to cover services delivered via telehealth. Executive Order 2020 046 continues this Executive Order for another 30 days.



State Actions Affecting Occupational Therapy in Response to COVID-19 – Medicaid Policy Update



- Medicaid: On March 26, the federal government granted an 1135 waiver 1915(c) Appendix K waiver granted allowing flexibilities in the home and community based services (HCBS) waiver.
- Time-limited Medicaid state plan amendment to respond to COVID-19

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT



The People Perspective, LLC
March 19, 2020



The Act applies to all public employers regardless of size and to private employers with less than 500 employees.
This Act goes into effect April 2nd, 2020

Paid Sick Leave

- Provide an extra 80 hours of sick to all employees
- Paid sick leave is available in the following circumstances:
 - To comply with government and health officials orders
 - To self-isolate if diagnosed with coronavirus
 - To get a medical diagnosis when experiencing symptoms
 - To care for an individual who is diagnosed or has symptoms
 - To care for children if the school or place of care has been closed
- Notices must be posted about the right to paid sick leave.

FMLA Expansion

- Employees employed for 30 consecutive days are eligible
- Employees are entitled to 12 weeks of job-protected leave for absences related to their minor child's school or child care service closing due to a public health emergency.
- Employees are eligible for paid leave at 2/3 their regular pay

Penalties

- Not allowing employees to take paid leave and/or showing discrimination or retaliation against an employee taking Paid Leave or FMLA under the Act is a violation of the FLSA

Tax Credits, Insurance & Health Coverage

- Tax credits are available to help offset costs associated
- Act requirements expire on December 31, 2020.
- \$1 Billion provided for unemployment
- Private health plans must provide free coronavirus testing

Disclaimer: These are only highlights of the Act. Exceptions, exemptions and additional qualifications apply.
Reach out to us to further discuss how this Act impacts you!

No Handshake Zones

A Pediatrician is leading the charge to ban handshakes in the hospital, or at least in two NICUs at the University of California, Los Angeles. The campaign, which comes complete with posters and staff education on how handshakes can spread infection, encourages clinicians to acknowledge family members with a smile or other form of non-contact.



#COVID19 and disability

People with disability are at a greater risk of contracting coronavirus because of:



Physical barriers to access hygiene facilities



Need to touch things



Difficulty in enacting social distancing



Difficulty accessing information



World Health Organization

#coronavirus



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- The entertainment system on **BUMBLEance** comprises of a 19 inch LED TV, Playstation 4, iPad Air, Netflix, Beats Headphones, Music and DVDs. Each **BUMBLEance** also has onboard Wifi, which allows families to stay in touch with loved ones through social media.

The official mascot of 2020:

Always wears a mask.

Compulsively washes hands.

Letters of racoon rearranged spell
corona.



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