

Weekly Q/A on COVID-19: For disability service providers

Do we have to start sourcing and paying for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) after July 1?

No. All disability service providers, families with PDD FMS agreements and FSCD families who directly employ disability workers will continue to be prioritized for access to PPE, including after July 1, 2020. They will not be required to pay for PPE during the state of public health emergency related to COVID-19, including after July 1, 2020.

The Alberta government is focused on supplying PPE to organizations with the highest risk of exposure, including disability agencies. Information about PPE for disability service providers is available at alberta.ca/covid-19-information-for-disability-service-providers.aspx.

With Alberta's Relaunch Strategy underway, when will families be allowed to start visiting family members who live in PDD group homes?

Disability service providers who manage PDD group homes for adults with developmental disabilities – regardless of the number of residents – should continue following provincial COVID-19 public health protocols. These protocols are in place to help support the safety of group home residents and staff. The provincial COVID-19 public health protocols related to individuals residing in group living settings will be adjusted based on the province's circumstances during relaunch.