

Through this COVID-19 pandemic Leaders is following all the Department of Health's Public Health Orders referring to restrictions that have been implemented in response to the spread of the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19). Leaders is staying updated in the ongoing discussions being had with the Department of Health and their Developmental Disabilities Supports Division as well as the Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP) to ensure we continue to follow the Public Health Orders.

As of today, July 27, 2020, in a memo from Jason Cornwell (Acting DOH Deputy Secretary) to all provider agencies communicated the most recent response plans that impact the providers and the individuals they serve. He stated that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and Department of Health Secretary Kathy Kunkel, have announced that New Mexico's Public Health Order, set to expire on June 30, 2020, has been extended through July 15, 2020. Therefore, there are no changes to our initial closure of Customized Community Supports (CCS) and within the Living Supports (LS) department, the agency, the homes are being quarantined and the only people allowed in the homes are Leaders Direct Care staff. In our Customized In-Home Supports (CIHS) department, staff is communicating with the individuals telephonically. This is to create workplace safety and most importantly to keep the individuals safe. We do encourage any telecommunications through email, GoToMeetings, Zoom, Free Conference Call, and other modes of communications.

Finally, Leaders re-opening date will follow DDSD orders. There is a DDSD re-opening committee that has meet on three different occasions and are meeting again on July 17th to continue the conversation regarding the re-opening of services at each provider agency. We will continue to update this information as changes occur.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Roybal", written in a cursive style.

Phillip Roybal
Executive Director