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To: All 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Providers

From: Lisa Lee
Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services

Date: November 24, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Holiday Guidance for Residential Services

It is imperative that all providers and individuals including waiver recipients follow the Governor's executive order related to COVID found here https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20201118_Executive-Order_2020-968_State-of-Emergency.pdf.

Providers are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of individuals in their care and the employees that serve them. However, we understand that recipients have the right to make informed decisions.

If a waiver recipient acting as their own guardian or a guardian acting on their behalf chooses not to follow the order, it is critical and necessary that the waiver residential provider develop processes or policies the recipient must follow prior to returning to the residence from a visit or holiday gathering. The provider must inform the recipient and/or guardian of the processes and policies prior to the individual leaving the residence. These processes must include any actions to mitigate risk to staff and other recipients who live in the residence.