

Disabled Persons Action Organization

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To Our DPAO Family:

DPAO is excited to announce that effective July 19th we are able to resume pre-pandemic operations and lift many of the COVID-19 restrictions for all programs. The agency must comply with Federal and State guidance as states:

- **We can operate programs at full capacity.**
- **Fully vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks or maintain social distancing.**
- **Per CDC guidance, individuals and staff who are unvaccinated are expected to continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing.**
- **We can remove capacity limitations during transportation if all individuals are fully vaccinated.**
- **Individuals and staff will be required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status while being transported as part of an OPWDD certified service.**
- **All high touch surfaces should continue to be cleaned and disinfected consistent with CDC guidelines.**

To better plan for our programs full reopening and to safely serve you, we will need your cooperation in obtaining vaccination status.

If you are looking to resume services or start using them for the first time please contact the following:

PROGRAM	CONTACT	NUMBER	EMAIL
Jefferson County Free Standing Respite	Taylor St. Louis	315-782-2485	tslouis@dpao.net
Lewis County Free Standing Respite	Tina Nortz	315-376-8327	tnortz@dpao.net
Site Based Day Habilitation	Jen LaVere	315-782-5285 ext. 232	jlavere@dpao.net
Site Based Hourly Respite	Kristina Miller	315-782-5285 ext. 231	kmiller@dpao.net
Community Pre-vocation	Mary Ochoa	315-782-5285 ext. 235	mochoa@dpao.net
Agency Nurse	Millie Smith	315-782-2485	msmith@dpao.net

If you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. The agency strives to make this a safe and comfortable transition for all.

Sincerely,
DPAO TEAM

RESOURCES:



**Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities**

**Post State of Emergency
COVID-19 Guidance**

July 2, 2021

**Post State of Emergency COVID-19 Guidance for OPWDD Certified, Operated, and/or
Funded Facilities and Programs**

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/7.2.21-post-emergency-general-memorandum.pdf>