



ELARC Strategy to resume conducting face to face monitoring visits for consumers living in licensed residential facilities, FHAs, and Supported Living/Independent Living arrangements no later than May 21, 2021 as required in DDS Directive 01-042121

Structure and Approach to Visits	Risk Mitigation Protocol	Prioritization of Visits	Precautionary measures to be communicated to community proactively
<p>“Hybrid visits” that combine going into the facility or living arrangement for no longer than required to make physical observations, with meeting with individuals outside the facility and/or virtual paperwork reviews that could be scheduled separately.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have access to COVID 19 vaccine and may schedule shots on agency time • All staff will be provided with N 95 mask or surgical mask, gloves, face shield, gown, and gloves. Sanitizer is also available. • Staff are provided Public Health resources for information regarding protection from COVID-19, specifically regarding physical distancing both indoors and outdoors and expected to review such guidance prior to each visit. • Staff are provided with Public Health resources regarding identifying the symptoms of COVID-19. • Staff will review this strategy, the public health resources, and will be advised to self-screen according to public health guidelines as ongoing training within their unit meetings. 	<p>Medically involved consumers in residential facilities (including SNFs,) FHAs, independent living arrangements, or supported living will be the first priority in the resumption of face to face monitoring visits. Additionally, ELARC is committed to full resumption of face to face monitoring visits with all individuals living in licensed residential facilities.</p>	<p>ELARC has posted this Strategy document on our website. Distribution to individuals, family members, providers will include but not be limited to: via staff, public meetings, and the Consumer and Vendor Advisory Committees. In alignment with the DDS Directive 01-042121 directing Regional Centers to resume face to face monitoring visits for consumers living in licensed residential facilities, ELARC will resume conducting such visits no later than May 21, 2021. The following outlines the precautionary measures ELARC is taking to ensure public health safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELARC staff were eligible to receive the COVID 19 vaccine as of January 13, 2021. • ELARC staff will ask screening questions prior to visit to include but not limited to questions regarding recent illness, symptoms, and travel. • ELARC staff have been instructed to self-screen and are aware of current public health guidelines. • ELARC staff will don full personal protective equipment throughout the visit. • ELARC staff will limit the time in the facility and/or consumer’s living arrangement to no longer than necessary to make physical observations • ELARC staff will make every effort to meet with individuals outside and physically distance themselves. • ELARC will make virtual/remote paperwork an option as part of the monitoring visit.