



## **Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notice Coronavirus Information March 9, 2020**

The City of Philadelphia has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 epidemic and has been actively preparing plans and responses should an outbreak occur in Philadelphia. [Click here](#) to view the City's advice for how to keep yourself, employees, and Community Behavioral Health (CBH) members safe during this time. Planning guidance for businesses and nonprofit organizations, as well as information specific to health care providers, is available as well.

CBH, in conjunction with the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS), is in the process of developing a preparedness plan for the coronavirus. At this point, we do not expect any business disruption.

We are aware that many agencies are developing contingency plans and have specific questions related to alternative methods for service provision and other considerations for potential reductions in required staffing structures. We are exploring alternative options for CBH specific requirements; however, since most of the requested service accommodations and contingencies require waiving of regulatory requirements, we have also been in contact with OMHSAS for their guidance on state requirements. We are currently awaiting further guidance and will communicate any changes as they happen.

We encourage our stakeholders to turn to the following organizations and monitor their websites for the latest news and alerts:

- [WHO COVID-19 information](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 information](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 guidance for businesses and employers](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID-19 information](#)

We will continue to update you as appropriate.