

# COVID-19 Daily Update (March 17, 2020)

Listed below are clinical communications, statewide announcements pertaining to COVID-19 and the most current list of our providers that have shared COVID-19 business and service arrangements.

Please note: The list of provider information includes the updates received by 10 a.m. today. On an ongoing basis, we will update this list Monday through Friday during the 1 p.m. published update. Providers should send an email to [MBHofPA@MagellanHealth.com](mailto:MBHofPA@MagellanHealth.com) with your most current information to share as a resource to our communities. For provider contact and profile information, please go to [Provider Search](#) on our website.

## Clinical communications

- Should remote working accommodations due to COVID-19 pose difficulty to transmitting information via facsimile for treatment requests and out of home placements (i.e. RTF and CRR Host Home), Magellan is offering the short-term solution to email treatment packet requests to [PAHCRecordRequestsMBHPA@magellanhealth.com](mailto:PAHCRecordRequestsMBHPA@magellanhealth.com).
  - Please note that this mailbox is intended only for transmission of clinical records for processing, when there is no other option for submission. This email address is not intended for external use of provider or county submission of treatment record requests. We thank you for understanding these limitations and hope this accommodation is helpful to continue timely processing of paper packet treatment requests.
  - Until further notice, we are waiving the need for educational records until the schools are open for the packets.

## Statewide announcements

- [Department of Health \(DOH\) Official Webpage for COVID-19](#)
- [Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania – March 17, 2020 Telehealth Guidelines](#)
- [OMHSAS COVID-19 Telehealth Expansion – March 15, 2020](#)
  - [OMHSAS-20-02 – Telehealth Bulletin](#)
  - [Attachment B – Attestation Form to Provide Telehealth](#)
- [Governor Wolf Announces Library of COVID-19 Outreach Materials at PAcast](#)
- [DOH & DHS Provider/Licensing Survey for COVID-19 Preparedness](#)
  - Here are notes shared by RCPA regarding this survey:

- This is a survey to help the DOH and Department of Human Services (DHS) predict operational and logistical needs for licensed facilities responding to positive cases of COVID-19.
  - The survey is discretionary and not a condition of continued licensing
  - Answers will not serve as an independent basis for the finding of a licensing violation
  - The information will only be used for planning services
  - A third party may help the agencies analyze the data.
  - If you object to the use of this information, please do not answer the survey.

### Provider updates during the COVID-19 pandemic

- **Access Services** - Here is a description of how licensed programs in all counties are supporting changes in service delivery to maintain continuity of care.
  - Mobile Psych Rehab (Bucks and Montgomery Counties)/ Justice Related Services – BCM (Montco)/ TIP- BCM (Bucks):
    - Services are being delivered via telephone, video technology, and text to all consumers.
  - BHRS/IBHS
    - Behavioral consultation and mobile therapy sessions have transitioned to video in all counties.
    - TSS/BHT services in homes have been suspended in effected counties.
  - Mobile Crisis (Montgomery County)
    - To reduce the travel in the community, critical mobile intervention only is being provided in the community.
- **Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP)** – Effective March 16, ACRP will temporarily suspend after school programming and in-school therapy sessions for a minimum of two weeks.
- **Caramenico Counseling Group, LLC** - In response to Montgomery County’s containment order reported on 3/12/20 and Bucks County’s declaration of disaster emergency order issued on 3/13/20, we will work remotely effective 3/13/20 through at least 3/29/20. As well, they will suspend taking new referrals during this time.
- **Child Guidance Resource Centers** – Site-based outpatient therapists and community based staff in Family Based, MST, Truancy and BHRS services have suspended in person contact and are using telephone/telehealth methods to provide services to clients. They are currently suspending outpatient intakes but will be completing a limited number of CREATE program intakes, and have suspended their CREATE, Elementary Education School, and School Based programs.
- **Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (CIU20)** - Has issued that all face to face behavioral health services temporarily stop effective March 17, 2020. They no longer have any BSC/MT/TSS providing direct services in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. BSC's will check in with their families and provide as much support indirectly as they can.
- **Crozer Community Campus** – Have suspended all group therapies as of March 17 to mitigate the risk to patients and staff.
- **Crozer Recovery Center and Methadone Clinic** – Have temporarily stopped the services of running group therapy. Both of the departments will continue to offer individual therapy to their patients

as a modified way to continue treatment services. They are asking ICM and CRS staff to screen prior to going into a patient's home, and they will also continue to utilize CRS and ICM services via phone and individually in the community or in their office to add additional support during this time. They continue to accept new patients and will work to meet the needs of the community while ensuring safety for all.

- **Elwyn**
  - Elwyn will temporarily close the TASP programs in Delaware (Media Campus) and Lehigh counties (ARCH site) from today March 16<sup>th</sup> until March 27<sup>th</sup>, planning to re-open on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - After making some difficult decisions, Elwyn has suspended admissions to their Natale North and New Beginnings programs in Norristown and their Crisis Residential Program on the Media campus. They will continue to consider referrals to their Adult Residential and ID Residential programs at Natale Media from inpatient facilities only on a case by case basis.
- **Explorations BHRS** – Will work remotely for the next two weeks since Governor Wolf has ordered the closure of all educational facilities and our office is located in the MCIU. Nonetheless, all office staff and certainly BHRS front line staff will be working as much as possible as they usually would, providing authorized home services as long as parents agree to it. All office staff will be available via their regular office phone numbers and emails, and we have sent out an email to all our families to this effect.
- **Gemma Services** – They will work remotely for the Rosemont Outpatient office, located at 452 S. Roberts Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA. This will be effective March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, through Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This may extend further, as they are evaluating the impact on Delaware County. They have a plan in place to ensure that their clients receive telephonic support, given the recent OMHSAS bulletin that was issued on 3/15/20. They will also ensure that all clients will receive access to scripts when needed. They are committed to ensuring that their members avoid any service disruption.
- **Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies** - Is temporarily closed to adhere to the Governors guidance on closing all non-essential businesses. The closure is for the safety of our consumers, staff and community. This 14 day closure is from 3/17/2020-3/30/2020. Goodwill will reassess the situation and continue to follow applicable directives.
- **Hispanic American Organization of the Lehigh Valley** – Beginning March 17, 2020, they are suspending their drug and alcohol groups until further notice. This decision will be re-evaluated on a week to week basis.
- **Hoffman Homes RTF** - The following steps will be implemented by Hoffman Homes for Youth beginning March 13, 2020, and will remain in place until they are re-evaluated on April 3, 2020.
  - All therapeutic leaves and day passes are canceled.
  - All on and off campus visits with parents/guardians, family members and outside agencies are canceled.
  - All off campus community outings for the children are canceled.
  - All unnecessary medical appointments, unless ordered by a doctor, are canceled.
  - Admissions to our program are being postponed for the time being.
  - Discharges planned for will occur as planned. Please check into Medical Services to pick up your child and complete the discharge process.

- We will not be sending children or staff to court hearings. Children and staff will be available by conference call.
- Visitors are prohibited from campus. Exceptions will be made for contracted staff and emergency personnel.
- **Indian Creek Foundation** – Effective, March 16 and for the next 14 days:
  - Outpatient Clinic, BHRS teams, and Peer Support program will not provide any face to face services.
  - Within our BHRS/ABA program, our BSC’s will continue to maintain contact with families and provide in-direct services to ensure child’s/families’ needs are being met.
  - Within our Peer support program, our peer specialists will maintain contact with their peers via telephone.
  - Therapeutic After School Programming will cease until the community school districts re-open.
  - We are in the process of requesting authorization for telehealth services for our outpatient services.
  - We do have administrative/clinical staff available to field phone calls, and to facilitate crisis care as needed within our outpatient clinic.
- **Institute for Behavior Change, INC** - Institute for Behavior Change, is the administrative entity for: The Network for Behavior Change, Children’s Behavioral Health Center, and Firebird Management. These entities have various BHRS/IBHS provide enrollments in Delaware, Montgomery, and Bucks counties. They have implemented the following policies:
  - 1) Effective 03/09/2020, all group meetings and company gatherings were cancelled until further notice.
  - 2) Effective 03/09/2020, our administrative office has been open only to employees who have been designated to manage our emergency operations.
  - 3) Effective 03/12/2020, all TSS services provided in schools within Montgomery County were discontinued until further notice.
  - 4) Effective 03/13/2020, we are no longer accepting or processing intakes, referrals, or new requests for services until further notice.
  - 5) Effective 03/13/2020, we are no longer providing face-to-face psychological visits to complete Written Orders until further notice. In order to maintain continuity of care, we are exploring all options at this time.
  - 6) Effective 03/16/2020, all TSS services provided in school throughout our provider area will be discontinued until further notice.
- **Lenape Valley Foundation** –
  - Effective immediately, Lenape Valley Foundation is postponing any community events & meetings that are scheduled to take place at their facilities. This is in effect until further notice.
  - The Issues Impacting Children workshop, *When Worry and Anxiety Affects Daily Life*, that was scheduled for March 26 is cancelled and will be rescheduled.
  - They have limited groups that meet in their buildings. Continuation of group therapy is being monitored on a daily basis. We advise checking with your group leader regarding the current status of your group.

- Their onsite pharmacy, Genoa, has offered to mail medication or walk out to cars for pick up for consumers that don't have otherwise scheduled appointments. Call the pharmacy directly to arrange for these services: 267-327-4559.
  - **Merakey** – Effective March 12, 2020, they suspended their IOP program as a precautionary measure for approximately two weeks, and the OP program is still providing psychiatry and med services (limited onsite and the rest are telehealth starting March 18).
  - **Merakey Broomall PRS Program** – For the PRS Program office located at 620 Park Way Psych Rehabilitation Program located in Broomall, PA, they are currently working remotely. If you have any questions, send an email to: [CDickerson@merakey.org](mailto:CDickerson@merakey.org) or [Tracy.Perry@merakey.org](mailto:Tracy.Perry@merakey.org).
  - **Merakey Delco FACT** – Is cancelling all group sessions for the time being.
  - **Montgomery County Recovery Community Center** – They are working remotely effective Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the State and County Directives. They will be available for virtual/telephonic recovery support services and those interested should call Alison Slickers at 610.675.4200 or email [aslickers@councilsepa.org](mailto:aslickers@councilsepa.org). Effective March 13th, their centers in Bucks and Philadelphia Counties will be limiting services to previously scheduled one on one appointments. During this time, groups and walk in services are temporarily postponed. All scheduled training events at the center from March 13, 2020 – March 27, 2020 will also be postponed and rescheduled. They will continue to monitor the State and County recommendations and update this information if and when changes are made. Please use the following contact information for each center and to schedule an appointment.
    - Philadelphia Recovery Community Center: Hank Owens call 215.223.7700 x109 or email [howens@councilsepa.org](mailto:howens@councilsepa.org)
    - Southern Bucks Recovery Community Center: Alison Dunn call 267-885-8205 or email [adunn@councilsepa.org](mailto:adunn@councilsepa.org)
- As always, the Information Line is a resource that can help answer your questions concerning alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and provide information, support, referrals and advocacy. (800) 221-6333 Referral/Information Line 9a-5p M-F. You can also call PA Get Help Now 24/7: 1-800-662-4357(HELP).
- **MusicWorks** – Is temporarily closed from March 17 through March 28, and they will re-evaluate their plans around March 26.
  - **NAMI-Lehigh Valley** – Have postponed education courses and support groups until further notice.
  - **P.E.N. Drop In Center** - The Drop In Center is temporarily closed for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and the staff will be working remotely. This closure includes the cancellation of their 'Time Travelers Ball'. Refunds will be available once the Center reopens. In addition, the Open Art Studio will not resume until mid to late April. Dr. Talbot has also made the decision to postpone the trip to the Baltimore Art Museum until the fall. If you are unable to attend the rescheduled date, your money will be refunded. For any questions on these items or anything else related to the Drop In Center, please send an email to [mjoseph@pendropincenter.org](mailto:mjoseph@pendropincenter.org).

- **Penn Foundation** - The following changes will be implemented at the close of business, March 13, 2020 and continue through Friday, March 20, 2020. A decision will be made on Thursday, March 19, 2020, if the suspension of services should be extended.
  - Specifically:
    - Wellspring Clubhouse services will be suspended.
    - Services at Penn Foundation’s Colmar, Montgomery County office, located at 271 N. Bethlehem Pike, will be suspended.
    - Group treatment options will also be suspended for all Penn Foundation programs, including Partial Hospital and Intensive Outpatient programming.
- **Piece of our Puzzle, LLC** - They have put a hold on in-home services to families who meet that criteria until March 30, 2020. And they are offering BCBA services via email, phone and video chat.
- **SOAR** – Is suspending all groups until further notice.
- **Spectra Support Services, LLC** – Will be working remotely for 2 weeks in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Delaware County.
- **Woods Services** –
  - They have suspended all resident home visits and non-critical out-of-state medical or other appointments.
  - In an effort to protect our residents and staff, they are suspending all outside visitation at this time. Their staff will be reaching out to all families/guardians on March 17 to touch base with all. If a family/guardian chooses to take their child home, they are allowing this, but they will not be able to return to Woods until they are authorized.