



# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services  
Promoting Recovery, Resilience & Self Determination

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Executive Directors and CEOs  
Philadelphia Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services  
Providers**

**FROM: David T. Jones  
Commissioner, DBHIDS**

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 Testing for BH, ID, and Outreach Personnel**

**DATE: April 1, 2020**

As you are aware, the City of Philadelphia Health Department recommends COVID-19 testing for people with fever and cough or shortness of breath if symptoms are severe or worsening, and for those with symptoms who:

- Are over age 50.
- Have medical conditions that might increase the severity of the infection, including diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease or immunocompromising conditions.
- Live in a facility with other people (nursing home, college dormitory, prison, shelter).
- Are healthcare workers

During the Mayor's Press conference held on March 31, 2020, Health Commissioner Dr. Farley emphasized the definition of health care workers which includes those who provide behavioral health care, homeless outreach, and care for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Please share this information and reinforce testing guidelines with direct support personnel.

For additional information regarding COVID-19 testing locations and resources please visit the City's COVID-19 homepage: [phila.gov/covid-19](http://phila.gov/covid-19).

You can also receive COVID-19 alerts and updates via phone by texting COVIDPHL to 888-777

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David T. Jones".

David T. Jones  
Commissioner