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| PURPOSE OF BULLETIN: <input type="checkbox"/> Amend Policy or Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Clarification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information: | |
| FOR INQUIRIES CONTACT: For assistance, please contact Will Tift, Assistant Director at (916) 710-8391. | |

Recently, the Public Health Departments of Yolo and Placer counties issued a joint Press Release regarding the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID-19). The Press Release specifically addresses "Vulnerable Populations," which include people age 60+ and people with chronic health conditions, saying "**People at higher risk should consider staying home and away from crowded social gatherings where people are within arm's length of one another. For example, avoid parades, conferences, sporting events, and concerts.**" Sacramento County has echoed this concern adding that those over 80 years of age are at an increased risk.

AAA4 strongly suggests the Public Health recommendations by implemented as soon as possible by Funded Partners serving individuals in Yolo and/or Placer and/or Sacramento counties.

AAA4 strongly advises all Funded Partners to prepare for the possibility that similar recommendations may be forthcoming.

Potential for transmission of the disease appears highest at large Congregate Nutrition Sites (Title III-C1). Nevertheless, any program that involves close proximity between people in the high-risk category should be assessed and altered as appropriate.

Additionally, the California Department of Aging has issued FAQ #1, stating the following:

1) Do AAAs have the flexibility to provide take-home or brown bag meals for congregate clients?

Yes. AAAs have the flexibility to allow take-home meals or brown bags meals to congregate clients. Meals will be counted as Title IIIC-1 meals. Note - meals must meet Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and provide 1/3 of Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) to be counted.

2) Can in-home eligibility re-assessments for home-delivered meal (HDM) clients be deferred due to risk of COVID-19?

Yes. Scheduled eligibility reassessments for HDM clients can be conducted via phone during the COVID-19 state of emergency and the reason for phone visit noted in the client's file. Scheduled in-home visits for eligibility reassessments are to be reinstated when the state of emergency or county state of emergency has lifted.

3) Can service providers purchase and distribute emergency meals (shelf stable meals or brown bag meals) in the event that they are unable to prepare meals in the kitchen?

Yes. AAAs may purchase and distribute emergency meals in the event they are unable to prepare meals. Meals will be counted as C-1 or C-2 meals as appropriate. Note - meals must meet Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) and provide 1/3 of Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) to be counted.

For guidance specific to your particular program, contact your assigned Regional Services Specialist (RSS).

Additionally, AAA4 will be evaluating attendance at all public meetings, and when practical, attendance at meetings will be conducted through webinar. Additional information will be forthcoming as received.

For local updates on the Corona Virus, visit your County Public Health Department's website or contact their office directly.