




**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

**MEMORANDUM**

**OCDD-P-21-001**

**DATE:** January 6, 2021

**TO:** OCDD Adult Daycare Providers

**FROM:** Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary 

**SUBJECT:** Recommended ADC Closures Beginning Immediately until January 31, 2021

On March 13, 2020 the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Public Health Officer issued orders Adult Daycare (ADC) providers to close due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 ([#2020-COVID-ADC/ADHC/PACE-001](#)). On October 2, 2020 the Public Health Office issued guidance that ADC providers were permitted to reopen when their parish positivity rate was under 5% ([#2020-COVID-ADC/ADHC/PACE-002](#)). LDH is currently reporting that the statewide positivity rate has risen above 5%, and all parishes have positivity rates above 5%. You can access COVID-19 information, including parish positivity rates, [here](#). Additionally, Louisiana currently has more people hospitalized due to COVID-19 than at any other time during the pandemic.

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) is strongly encouraging the ADC providers (those who were able to open when their parish COVID-19 positivity rate was 5% or below) to close from **January 6, 2021 through January 31, 2021**. This will allow LDH, OCDD, and ADC providers to evaluate any rise in COVID-19 cases linked to holiday gatherings. OCDD is aware that the majority of reopened providers were closed during the holidays, and we believe that by delaying the reopening of your agency can help prevent the unintentional spread of COVID-19.

For additional information and updates regarding the COVID-19, please continue to refer to the LDH Coronavirus [website](#), and the OCDD Coronavirus [website](#). If you have additional questions or concerns, please send your email to the [OCDD-HCBS@la.gov](mailto:OCDD-HCBS@la.gov). Also, please send your proposed reopening date to that same email.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We appreciate your diligence in keeping the individuals that you serve safe.