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Dear ACRC Service Provider,

On May 22, 2020, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued a [Directive](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_AmendingSIRReporting_05222020.pdf) modifying requirements for special incident reporting related to COVID-19. This Directive amends the previous [Directive DDS issued on March 25, 2020](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DDSDirective_ReportingCOVID19Incidents_03252020.pdf).

Additionally, on May 22, 2020, DDS issued a [Directive](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_FingerprintClearance_05222020.pdf) indicating that the California Department of Social Services has created an expedited CDSS background clearance or exemption from one licensed facilities to another. This Directive supersedes the [March 20, 2020 Directive](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DDSDirective_FingerprintClearance_03202020.pdf) issued by DDS.

Service providers are encouraged to check DDS’ website frequently at this time for the release of new Directives. DDS Directives are located at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/regional-center-directives/>.

This guidance will remain in place until superseded by DDS Directive or other applicable government orders. If you have questions regarding incident reporting, please contact the SIR Desk at sdesk@altaregional.org. If you have questions about background clearances please reach out to your Community Services Specialist. Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to supporting our shared clients.

Regards,



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