



## COVID-19 Actions and Awareness

The Illinois Respite Coalition (IRC) has been following the spread of the COVID-19 virus closely and is continuously monitoring updates in order to provide the safest and most responsible care and information to the families and individuals that we serve statewide.

The IRC complies completely with any and all Illinois Department of Human Services guidelines regarding the care, safety and wellbeing of all persons involved in our in-home respite program. Our top priority is to provide the best care, respite and support to the families of Illinois. At this time, the IRC is continuing in-home respite support in all the counties we serve. The rendering of these respite services; however, is only permitted with both the respite care workers and parent/guardian(s) mutually agreeing to continue support services.

We are leaving respite care open and available in order to provide respite to caregivers during stressful times. While there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, the counties we serve thus far have been largely unaffected. Should the IRC receive any further instructions from DHS, we will act accordingly.

The IRC is still providing information and referral services at this time. Any questions or concerns can be answered Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am to 5pm. We pride ourselves on providing care, assistance, referral and information services to families across the state, and we will continue to do so during these changing times.

We encourage you to stay up to date regarding the spread and prevention measures being taken with the COVID-19 virus. Below are links to the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in order for everyone to stay up to date with the most trustworthy and accurate information possible.

Take care and stay safe,  
The Illinois Respite Coalition Staff and Board

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Center for Disease Control and Prevention link [here](#).  
Illinois Department of Public Health link [here](#).  
World Health Organization link [here](#).