

Item 6.3 Update on COVID-19

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In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Lake County IHSS office has instructed caregivers to continue with their job responsibilities in spite of potential risks involved for both providers and recipients.

Ambiguity surrounding tests have created an environment of unnecessary guesswork as to whether IHSS workers should self-quarantine. By the same token, asymptomatic workers could unintentionally spread the virus to vulnerable segments of the population.

As a member of SEIU Local 2015, California's long term care workers union, I am requesting that officials pursue a definitive solution to the problems surrounding COVID-19 testing.

Is testing currently available in the county? And if so, could it be done proactively for essential workers?

Thank you for your consideration,
Cynthia Field