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Additional Info #13 - DOE Managed Schools Transitioning to Fully Remote Instruction

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Charter Schools

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To: Charter Schools <CharterSchools@schools.nyc.gov>



Dear Charter Schools,
Below is the email that was sent to the related services agencies.

If you have any questions, please email relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov.

Best,
Charter Schools Office

Dear Contract Agency -

As you may be aware, DOE schools are temporarily transitioning to fully remote instruction as of November 19, 2020. Please note that this only applies to DOE school buildings. Independent schools and child care programs are not required to transition to fully remote learning unless directed by a relevant City or State agency.

Related services may continue to be provided in-person, **in a location that is legally allowed to be in open** — such as a student's home, or a school or child care location. This includes Charter schools that remain open. A new in-person consent form should be completed for any new in-person service location.

If the student's school or child care location closes or it is not possible to arrange for the service to be provided there safely in-person, the related service provider should immediately attempt to arrange for the services to be provided at an alternate location or remotely, in consultation with the family. If consent for remote service has not already been obtained and documented this school year, providers must complete the remote consent process prior to commencement of remote service.

Paraprofessional services may continue in-person in the **current** location, if that location is legally allowed to remain open. If the location does not remain open, paraprofessional providers should attempt to arrange for remote services, in consultation with the family, following all existing guidance regarding remote paraprofessional services.

In addition, please note the following:

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Cases

If you learn that a related service provider seeing student(s) in-person has a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result (not an antibody test), you must call the 24-hour COVID-19 Hotline immediately at 866-692-3641.

Updated Close Contact Definition

The DOHMH and NYC Test & Trace Corps have updated their definition of a "close contact". A close contact is now defined as someone who was within 6 feet of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 for a cumulative total of at least 10 minutes over a 24-hour period,