

OCDD ROADSHOWS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19 on January 31, 2020. In March 2020, the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) requested and received certain program exceptions to help keep families and participants safe. These exceptions are scheduled to last until six months after May 11, 2023, which is the end of the federally declared PHE.

OCDD is hosting the following roadshows to discuss the end of these PHE COVID-19 exceptions. All stakeholders are invited to attend these presentations.

Please note: Dates and times are subject to change. OCDD will notify you of any changes as soon as that information becomes available.



Date/Time	Venue	Address	Region
February 28 1:30-3 p.m.	Lake Charles Civic Center Contraband Room	900 Lakeshore Drive Lake Charles, LA 70601	5
March 1 1-3 p.m.	Kees Park Community Center	2450 LA-28 Pineville, LA 71360	6
March 2 1-3 p.m.	Shreve Memorial Library Hamilton/South Caddo Branch	2111 W Bert Kouns Industrial Loop Shreveport, LA 71118	7
March 3 1-3 p.m.	West Monroe Convention Center East Conference Room	901 Ridge Ave. West Monroe, LA 71291	8
March 6 1-3 p.m.	Terrebonne Parish Library Main Branch	151 Library Drive Houma, LA 70360	3
March 7 1:30-3:30 p.m.	East Baton Rouge Library Bluebonnet	9200 Bluebonnet Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70810	2
March 8 1-3 p.m.	Clifton Chenier Auditorium	220 W Willow St. Building A Lafayette, LA 70501	4
March 13 9-11 a.m.	Jefferson Parish Library East Bank Regional Branch	4747 West Napoleon Ave. Metairie, LA 70001	1
March 15 1-3 p.m.	Livingston Parish Library Albany-Springfield Branch	26941 LA-43 Hammond, LA 70711	9
March 20 1-3 p.m.	Zoom Webinar Register in advance	Register online: bit.ly/OCDD-PHE	



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2023

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TO: Local Governing Entities
OCDD Support Coordination Agencies
OCDD Provider Agencies
Fiscal Employer Agents
Self-Direction Employers

FROM: Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary 

SUBJECT: Post-COVID-19 PHE Roadshows

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19 on January 31, 2020. Because of the ongoing PHE, in March 2020 the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) requested and received certain program exceptions to help keep families and participants safe. These exceptions were scheduled to last **until six months after the end of the PHE**. The **PHE is scheduled to end on May 11, 2023**. OCDD is scheduling Roadshows to talk about the end of the PHE COVID-19 exceptions. The Roadshows will take place at the following locations (please note that all dates and times are subject to change, OCDD will notify you of any changes as soon as that information becomes available).

Date	Region	Venue	Time	
2/28/2023	5	Lake Charles Civic Center – Contraband Room	1:30 – 3:00 PM	900 Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601
3/1/2023	6	Kees Park Community Center	1-3 PM	2450 LA-28, Pineville, LA 71360
3/2/2023	7	Shreve Memorial Library – Hamilton/South Caddo Branch	1 –3 PM	2111 W Bert Kouns Industrial Loop Shreveport, LA 71118
3/3/2023	8	West Monroe Convention Center East Conference Room	1- 3 PM	901 Ridge Avenue West Monroe, LA 71291
3/6/2023	3	Terrebonne Parish Library - Main Branch	1-3 PM	151 Library Dr. Houma, LA 70360

3/7/2023	2	East Baton Rouge Library – Bluebonnet	1:30 – 3:30 PM	9200 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810
3/8/2023	4	Clifton Chenier Auditorium	1 – 3 PM	220 W Willow St Building A, Lafayette, LA 70501
3/13/2023	1/10	Jefferson Parish Library – East Bank Regional Branch	9 – 11 AM	4747 West Napoleon Ave. Metairie, LA 70001
3/15/2023*	9	Livingston Parish Library - Albany-Springfield Branch	1- 3 PM (TBD)	26941 LA-43 Hammond, LA 70711

The following table details information about the current exceptions to the regulations to the OCDD Home and Community Based Waivers that are in place based on approval from CMS due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. During the Roadshows, OCDD will discuss the end of the exceptions listed below.

Appendix K EXCEPTIONS	WAIVERS IMPACTED
Conversion of Vocational program hours in the current plan of care to In-home supports	NOW(IFS) ROW (CLS) SW(in home Respite)(20 hours)
Additional 20 hours per week of family support due to school closures	Children's Choice
Allowing the participant and direct service worker (DSW) to live in the same household	NOW(IFS) ROW (CLS) SW(In home Respite) Children's Choice (FS)
Allowing legally responsible relatives as DSWs, including parents and spouses	NOW, ROW, SW, CC
Allowing an abbreviated DSW training prior to work (NOT EXTENDED)	All waivers
Hazard pay for individuals working with participants exposed to or infected with COVID-19 per Hazard Pay Policy (LIMITED TO 40 DAYS MAXIMUM)	All OCDD waivers
Virtual visits for initial, quarterly and annual meetings with support coordination and providers	all OCDD waivers
Waive 30 day continuity of care rule	ROW and NOW
Background checks for staff living in the same home prior to the PHE NOT EXTENDED-BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL STAFF	ROW, NOW, CC and SW

Please share this information with ALL waiver families and participants in your care. If you have any questions please send them to OCDD-HCBS@la.gov. As always, thank you for your support in these difficult times.