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It's hard to believe that we have officially completed half of 2020! For many, I imagine that the first half of this year has been spent adjusting, navigating, and readjusting. As a community, we awaited the time when we could re-enter our communities to engage in some of our former activities, whether it was dining in at our favorite restaurant or shopping in our favorite stores. As a service system, our providers continue planning site-based and in-person service delivery while they also provide and/or enhance remote service delivery. We have providers who have continued to provide in-person service delivery throughout the Stay at Home period and to ensure that individuals receive the care, supervision, and/or therapeutic services they need. Our service providers are amazing and very, very appreciated!

You've likely heard that the governor signed the budget bill and various trailer bills this week. Our service system is very fortunate in that we have landed in the best place possible where the state budget is concerned – we were spared the cuts proposed in the May Revision and received a rate increase for Independent Living Skills, Infant Development Programs, and Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services. I believe this is a testament to your advocacy efforts! Well done! And when you get a moment or two, a quick thank you to your legislators for supporting the developmental disabilities services system would likely be most appreciated.

Meantime, regional centers across the state are distributing Essential Personal Gear (EPG) to consumers, families, service providers, and community-based organizations, NLACRC included! If you are in need of EPG (formerly called Personal Protective Equipment or PPE), please click [here](#) and submit the EPG Request Form electronically. If you need assistance completing the form, please contact one of NLACRC's Parent Mentors at (818) 534-5589 (SFV office) or (661) 951-1220 (AV office) or email parentmentor@nlacrc.org. You may also contact your service coordinator or regional center liaison.

EPG is really important, particularly if you are caring for someone positive with COVID-19 or with known exposure to COVID-19. The California Department of Public Health is reporting a rise in cases, and importantly, a rise in COVID-19 related hospitalizations. The increased demand on California's healthcare system due to COVID-19 is resulting in recent local county orders to shut down bars and for the

upcoming holiday weekend, the beaches. It is so important that each of us do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19, so please remember to ensure you and yours wear a mask when in public, maintain social distancing, frequently wash hands, and self-isolate if you or a family member is showing symptoms of illness. This protects you, your family and friends, and the community at large. Remember, when each of us is well, we are all well. Let's all do our part!

May you have a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Very truly yours,

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