



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

COVID-19 Response

July 24 Call: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

July 27, 2020

DARS provides these FAQs in response to questions asked on the July 24, 2020 COVID-19 call with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

Do we continue to use signed consent orders until we get word from you all?

- *Yes*

Any idea of a timeline when that becomes effective and the document made available?

- *Within the next few weeks.*

Just wanted to verify - this consent is not just for COVID19 - this will be available long term?

- *Verbal consent for NWD referrals will be permanent.*

I know we have talked about reopening of the sites August 1st, but what if some of the churches aren't allowing until later in the year?

- The decision as to when to reopen congregate sites will be left to the AAAs, and should be dependent upon the COVID-19 guidance from VDH and local health departments. DARS will not be mandating that sites reopen. We anticipate that openings may be staggered and intermittent. Sites that open may have to close if there are exposures and positive cases. The situation is expected to remain fluid until a safe, effective vaccine is widely available in the future.