Purpose:
To prevent the acquisition/spread of COVID-19 as Ohio reopens, by establishing a process for individuals and their Teams to identify the risks and benefits related to home visitations, community outings, or participation in day programming models.

Who:
A Team Process is critically important for supporting individuals to make the best decisions for their situations:

- The composition of each Team will vary, but typically includes the individual, the SSA or QIDP, the Provider, guardians/family members and other stakeholders as deemed appropriate.

Tool & Process:
Team members will complete the Risk/Benefit Discussion Guide (attached) when making decisions related to community outings, attendance at day programming or when determining what level and type of visitation is appropriate. The Guide is composed of 4 components assessing Risk and Benefit Level:

- Situational Risks
- Health Related Risks
- Home Related Risks
- Benefit to the Person

Individuals will be scored in both Total Risk and Benefit Level. These scores and the overall Guide will be used as the basis for discussion and decision making with the individual.
Considerations:
In making decisions with the individual, Teams must also consider:

- Peers with whom the individual lives, works or spends time with
- State, local and/or Legal requirements, guidelines or mandates
- The current level of risk in the community or within the outing itself (large crowds)
- Whether the activity requires staff assistance and whether staff are available

To the greatest extent possible, individuals have the same rights and responsibilities as others and are held to the same State and local health orders. Therefore, Teams should carefully consider and justify any decision that is either more restrictive or more permissive than requirements or guidelines for the general population.

Team Differences:
All members of the Team may not agree with every decision. In the event of significant disagreements, the issue may be brought to Koinonia’s administration.

Continued Review:
As with previous COVID-19 communications, these guidelines will be reevaluated/reassessed every thirty days or sooner as circumstances change. Individual Teams, including families and guardians will determine with individuals if they are appropriate for participation based on these guidelines. However, in all cases, an increase in positive COVID cases may result in the need to significantly alter participation in community or day programming, limit visitors or temporarily end visitations.