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Hello, My name is Shirley Payer. It has been a long year and 6 months. I am a Crisis worker, for OADS of State of Maine. I am consider a front line worker. I was asked numerous times to check in on clients this past year. My first concern was for my family. Does this family i am checking on have covid, will I get sick , will I give it to my family. I worked at the Crisis home in Bangor Maine, when not on call to go out into the community. Just doing shift change with my fellow colleagues was stressful. I am thinking even those they have a mask, the uncertainty of this virus and it staying on objects. Does the clients in the Crisis house have the virus. Most upper management stayed home and were giving us orders to go into the community, as they're safe at home with there family. We never was able to use the n95masks to go into the community, just paper masks.. It was said only when we get a covid client in crisis house only...I considers this to unsafe and not caring for you staff. Thanks you for listening