COVID-19 Response

DHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities

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Agenda for Today

• APD actions to date
• Access to PPE for clients and staff
• In-home care/ Home Care Commission
• Congregate care considerations and updates
• Visitations guidelines during reopening
Prevention and outbreak management

- February 29: First visitor restrictions.
- Nearly all programmatic policies and practices were adapted with a focus on prevention.
- Statewide on-site reviews conducted of more than 670 long-term care facility emergency plans for pandemic from March 9-13
- Developed interagency response strategies
- Established emergency health care centers
  - 47-bed building at Laurelhurst Village Rehab in Portland
  - 50-bed facility at Pacific Health and Rehabilitation in Tigard
Care facility oversight updated

• Visitation restrictions expanded to include adult foster homes; congregate activities and dining prohibited

• Facilities required to report suspected or COVID-19 cases, executive order issued

• List of facilities with suspected/confirmed cases posted on DHS website (includes breakdown of facilities with resident and/or staff cases)

• Facilities with confirmed cases receive weekly on-site visit from licensing
  ✓ Reviews focus on infection control practices, PPE supplies, staffing
  ✓ If deficiencies are found, technical assistance provided
Multi-agency response to outbreaks

• With a first case of COVID-19:
  ✓ DHS executive order issued
  ✓ DHS weekly review
  ✓ Local public health agency advises facility

• Regional team (DHS, local public health) monitors:
  ✓ Infection control practices
  ✓ Staffing
  ✓ Personal protective equipment

• State interagency facility support team responds if facility is unable to manage outbreak, residents’ needs

• Efforts informed by DHS/OHA data sharing agreement
Progress report

Large facilities with current confirmed cases is currently down from a peak of 28 to 16 in May (more than 40% reduction)

Adult foster homes with current cases dropped by about 60% to 3 in May

Emergency health care centers provided resource for managing cases and ensuring availability of hospital beds for acute care

- 100 total EHCC admissions as of late May
- 92 of the 100 were residents of a long-term care facility when they contracted the virus
Access to PPE

• Encouraging signs in supply chains

• Local public health authorities are emergency supplier when supply chains break down

• State is emergency backdrop when local public health authority supplies break down

• PPE distribution centers for HCWs/ PSWs throughout Oregon
In-home care supports

- Oregon Home Care Commission (OHCC) provided infection control resources translated in 7 languages
- Extended orientation requirements
- Collaborated with SEIU to list individuals who could provide respite for care providers
- Background check procedures adjusted to accelerate approval when appropriate
Congregate care considerations

• Adult day services
  – Closed effective 3/23/2020
  – Financial supports provided through at least July 15
  – Currently developing reopening principles

• Reopening principles:
  – County must be approved for Phase 2
  – Limited number of participants at one time
  – Full screening for signs and symptoms of participants
  – Social distancing/ PPE use required
Congregate care considerations

Salon services

• Requirements for reopening scheduled for issuance on June 2nd

Phase 1 guidance:

• Consumers have same rights as any other Oregonian
• Additional responsibilities for co-residents associated with living in a high-risk community
• Require distribution of information to residents
• Screening and risk-based interviews upon facility return
• Additional monitoring and protections when consumer engaged in high-risk activities
Phase 2 reopening visitation guidelines

Policies in process

Will likely incorporate the following principles:

- Building must be COVID free
- County must be approved for Phase 2
- Limited number of visitors at one time, including possibility of appointment system
- Full screening for signs and symptoms of visitors
- Social distancing required
- Full use of PPE required
Wrap-up

• APD population at highest risk.

• Residents of large congregate facilities account for over half of all COVID-19 fatalities.

• Must remain diligent through all phases of reopening and be prepared for Fall of 2020.

• Policies and guidance must balance:
  – Risk to individual;
  – Individual resident rights;
  – Resident’s emotional well-being; and
  – Resident’s responsibilities for overall community safety and wellness.
Questions?