

# Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Services During COVID-19

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# Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) Response

## COVID-19 Information and Resources

### Priorities:

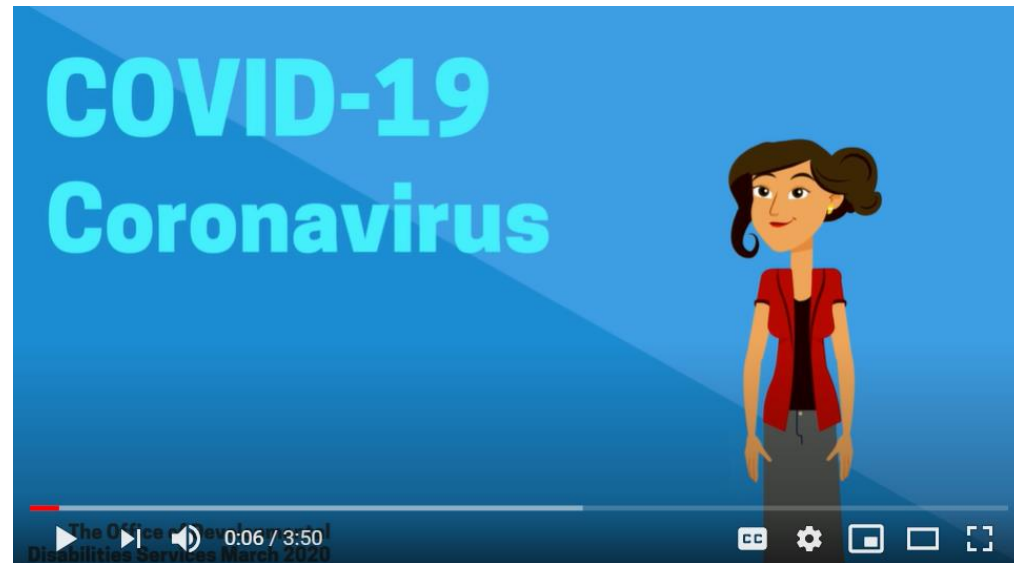
- Keeping people with I/DD safe and healthy
- Supporting families and those providing services to people with I/DD

Studies on adverse outcomes for people with I/DD highlight the need to act quickly

# Individuals and Families

COVID-19 resources  
for individuals and  
families:

- Medical Rights Fact Sheet
- Animated videos for education and training
- Expanded family supports program



# Case Management Entities

- Identifying those most at-risk and following up on back-up plans
- Extended Individual Support Plan (ISP) end dates
- Frequency of monitoring expectations have not changed and may need to be increased during COVID-19
- Virtual teleconferencing and regular check-ins



# Supporting Providers

- Offered contingency funding to employment and DSA providers
- Implemented a 10% rate increase for group home providers for three months
- Developed a Staffing Support Team: Reallocates staff at provider agencies to help in areas most needed (Example: employment staff reassigned to residential)

# Current Situation

ODDS acted quickly to change policies and issue guidance to support people in services

- Visitor restrictions and other precautions still in place in Phase 1 reopening
- Individuals with I/DD will continue to need to take precautions
- Remote services still in place, with face-to-face allowed to monitor health and safety

# Current Situation as of May 25<sup>th</sup>

COVID-19 cases in residential settings total since March 2020:

## Individuals:

2 in adult foster homes

4 in group homes

6 in in-home services

## Provider staff:

1 in child foster home

4 in adult foster homes

10 in group homes

7 in in-home services

# Current Situation

- Abuse reports have been down for people with I/DD
- Abuse investigations and protective services are still required
- It's everyone's job to report suspected abuse or neglect.
- Providers are mandatory reporters

**SAFE Hotline: 1-855-503-SAFE (7233)**



# Looking Ahead

## Governor's Budget Reduction Exercise

For ODDS, equals about \$90 million General Fund

-- No decisions made

- Reduced rates for in-home services, group homes, and other services
- Reduce funding for CDDPs/Brokerages
- End several services, including closure of two Stabilization and Crisis Unit homes
- End 'parental income disregard' for children who receive in-home services

# Looking ahead continued

- Continue issuing guidance to ensure people with I/DD are safe and healthy
- We want to learn from this experience and use 'lessons learned' to help improve services and supports in future
- Implement budget actions as directed by the Legislature and Governor's Office
- Build on creative options for communicating with people with IDD and their families

# Questions?



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ODDS COVID Web Page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx>

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