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To: Employment First stakeholders

From: Acacia McGuire Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator

Re: [Employment First](#): Contingency Funding and Other Updates

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

This message is an update related to employment and day support activity (DSA) guidance.

The updated [Employment and DSA Worker Guide](#) gives specific guidance related to Gov. Brown's order limiting indoor gatherings of 10 or fewer people..

It's important to note that even if a provider has an ODDS-approved re-opening plan, any changes in the Governor's order or county rules must still be followed. If more than 10 people being served in a stable cohort for group DSA or employment services, this service needs to be adjusted to ensure it is no more than 10 people, including staff. Exceptions may be made for business settings and will be approved as part of a provider's reopening plan. Please consult with your [regional employment specialist](#) if you have questions.

The Employment and DSA Worker Guide also has new information related to camps, as well as information about wearing masks or face covering outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. Please review the worker guide carefully.

In addition, ODDS has a new [Frequently Asked Questions on Contingency Funding](#), as well as an updated [Vocational Rehabilitation/Employment First FAQ](#). Applications for contingency funds must be received by July 31, 2020.

Thanks as always for your support in serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Oregon.

Acacia