

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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Topic: **Poor Air Quality Advisory Around the State**

To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers

Residents in your care may be extremely vulnerable to poor air quality conditions. During times of poor air quality, exposure to outdoor air should be limited. Residents choosing to go outdoors will need to be closely monitored for any negative effects related to poor air quality. Consider keeping windows and doors closed during these advisory periods.

Precautions should be taken to prevent exposure to stale, non-circulating indoor air. Air filtration systems may need to have more frequent filter maintenance during periods of poor air quality. Facilities may need to utilize fans and air filtration systems to circulate the indoor air.

Carefully monitor residents for breathing problems. Those with existing breathing challenges may experience exacerbated symptoms during poor air quality advisories. Residents without pre-existing breathing problems may also exhibit breathing difficulties during periods of poor air quality.

If breathing problems are suspected, please exercise caution, and contact the resident's healthcare provider or emergency services if needed.

For more information related to current air and wildfire conditions see:
https://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=topics.smoke_wildfires

For information on reducing the health effects of wildfire smoke see:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx>

If you have questions, or for general information contact the DHS Safety, Oversight, and Quality Unit or visit the DHS Web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS

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