Reference: AFH-20-XX Provider Alert

DATE: March 5, 2020

TO: Adult Foster Home Providers

FROM: Safety, Oversight, and Quality

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Reporting Process

This alert is being sent to:
• Provide reporting process guidance on how and to whom to report if a resident has been tested presumptive for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
• Remind providers about their obligation to follow recommendations and guidance for infection control protocols and procedures.

If a resident of your facility has tested positive or is suspected of having the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Facility Licensee must contact their local County Health Authority, Local Licensing Authority and APD Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit immediately. All three agencies must be contacted to ensure precautions are taken for the safety of all residents, staff and visitors of the facility and community.

Please review the infection control guidance and obtain additional information on disease prevention from the CDC at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html.

If a resident of your foster home has tested positive the local County Health Authority will begin a contact tracing investigation and ensure appropriate safeguards are taken. Together the Safety, Oversight and Quality Office and the Local Licensing Authority will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the residents and staff of the facility.

The Department will continue to provide information to providers through Administrative Alerts as new information is available. For additional questions please email AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us