

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **Mother's Day Visitation Reminder**

With Mother's Day weekend upon us the Department would like to remind all long-term care facilities including nursing facilities, community-based care, and adult foster homes that emergency orders put in place by the Department are still in effect. Facilities must adhere to visitation restrictions and continue to follow CDC and state guidelines to ensure safe visitation protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to continue following social distancing guidelines and encourage alternative forms of visitation such as virtual communication through applications like Skype or Zoom. A designated window may also be suitable for conducting safe visits that limit possible exposure.

Facilities placed under an Executive Order (EO) must have adequate signage to communicate limits and screening of visitors, proper sanitation procedures, use of personal protective equipment and any other process put in place by the facility or EO to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. We understand the desire to connect with loved ones on days like these, it is therefore critical that this be done first and foremost with the safety of residents and staff in mind.

If you have any questions, please email APD.AFHTeam@dhsosha.state.or.us