

## Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

### Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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**Date:** October 23rd, 2020  
**To:** APD Adult Foster Home Providers  
**From:** Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit  
**Topic:** **School-age Children Living in Adult Foster Homes**

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Maintaining safety protocols to limit AFH residents from exposure to COVID-19 can be challenging, especially when there are school age children living in the Adult Foster Home. With most school-age children in Oregon returning to in-person learning, there is an increased risk of exposure to the virus. It is important to keep school-age children separate from residents to limit potential exposure to COVID-19. Ensuring continued monitoring of symptoms among children, caregivers, residents, and other household members is essential to the health and safety of everyone living in and working in the AFH. Schools will be monitoring students for COVID-19 cases and identifying outbreaks, if that occurs, families should follow any COVID-19 guidance from their child's school.

For more information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses, please visit the CDC website to read their article, "How to Protect Yourself and Others": <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>. Caring for residents or household members that have COVID-19 requires caregivers to be extremely careful and hypervigilant with infection control procedures and use proper PPE. The local health authority and medical professionals will help guide you through the process of caring for an individual with COVID-19 if a household member of the AFH tests positive for the virus. For additional resources on caring for someone with COVID-19, please visit the CDC website to review the article, "Caring for Someone at Home": <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/care-for-someone.html>.

The Safety Oversight and Quality Unit, AFH Team has someone dedicated to monitoring the [APD.AFHTeam@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHTeam@dhsosha.state.or.us) inbox seven days a week for COVID-19 related correspondence. When there is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case amongst

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residents, caregivers, or other household members, providers must immediately report the information to the Safety Oversight and Quality Unit by emailing [APD.AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us) as previously directed. The Department appreciates the difficult work that AFH providers continue to do in these unprecedented times, please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to request additional resources or guidance.