

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: **COVID Restriction Update**

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted long-term care in Oregon, and adult foster home (AFH) providers have led the charge in ensuring resident safety during this incredibly difficult time. Vaccinations have become more readily available and Governor Brown has recently announced her intention to open the state effective June 30, 2021. In response to COVID restrictions being lifted across the state, the Department is removing many of the COVID related restrictions placed on adult foster homes licensed with Aging and People with Disabilities (APD). These changes go into effect **July 1, 2021**.

Please note the following expectations for AFH providers licensed with APD:

- Suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infections **must** still be reported to licensing and the local public health department.
 - The Executive Order process will still be in place and there will be additional safety requirements when COVID-19 is suspected or confirmed in an AFH.
- Visitation is to return to normal with residents having unrestricted access to their family, friends and loved ones.
 - A visitor log is to be maintained in case there is suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and local public health needs access to records for purposes of contact tracing.
 - Visitor screening is no longer required.
- Masks are not required though licensees can require them of their *employees*.
- Licensees may not use vaccine status as a screening mechanism for AFH admissions or admission denials.

The latest order from Governor Brown can be found here: [Executive Order 21-15](#)

If vaccine support is needed for your AFH please contact your local public health office or email the foster home team at:

APD.AFHteam@dhsoha.state.or.us

Questions about COVID-19 and these AFH policy changes may be directed to:

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