

## 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:** **Vaccine Requirements – Important Updates**

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## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### Vaccine Requirements

On August 21, 2021 Governor Brown announced that COVID-19 vaccinations are mandatory for all Oregonians working in healthcare. This mandate includes adult foster home (AFH) licensees, staff, and volunteers. Additional information about the Governor's mandate may be read here:

- [Governor Brown's Press Release](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Vaccination Rule](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Religious Exception Form](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Vaccine Medical Exception Form](#)

### Executive Orders and Readmissions

Executive order templates have been updated to indicate resident admissions and readmissions can take place without prior approval from the Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ), provided the licensee is able to ensure the following standards are able to be met:

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- AFH staff are keeping residents with suspected or confirmed COVID separate from those that are negative,
- The AFH has sufficient staff to meet the needs of the residents,
- All infection control measures are implemented and strictly followed and monitored in accordance with OHA, CMS and CDC guidelines,
- When the AFH has any COVID positive residents, the AFH has dedicated staff to care for COVID positive residents without risking exposure to residents with a negative COVID status.

Additionally, a daily summary of all admissions and readmissions that may have taken place that day and a written statement that all the above criteria were met must be sent to: [AFH.actionrequest@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:AFH.actionrequest@dhsoha.state.or.us)

**Reminder, resident vaccine status cannot be used as a criterion for resident admissions.**

If you have any questions about this provider alert you may reach the adult foster home team at: [APD.AFHteam@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHteam@dhsoha.state.or.us)