

## Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

### Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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**Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**To:** APD Adult Foster Home Providers  
**From:** Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit  
**Topic:** **AFH Staffing Shortage Survey**

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Aging and People w/ Disabilities (APD) recognizes that many adult foster home (AFH) licensees are experiencing staffing shortages. APD also acknowledges that many care providers are concerned about what staffing may look like following the October 18 deadline for the state's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers (view updated FAQs [here](#)).

APD is interested in looking at ways to help licensees reduce this risk of closure due to staffing shortages wherever possible. If necessary, APD can also assist with relocating residents that receive Medicaid assistance.

In addition, APD feels that it is very important to know which licensees can continue operating as normal and perhaps even have openings for those that are receiving Medicaid assistance. This information will be vital in the event there is a need to help relocate residents to other licensed care settings.

We are encouraging each AFH licensee or administrator to complete this survey once but may request it again depending on the response rate and outcomes from this initial survey. We know this is a heavy lift for providers and we commit to utilizing the information provided proactively to:

- Identify which AFHs are most at risk due to staffing shortages and what supports may be needed
- Identify where potential placements can occur
- Provide opportunities for administrators to share policy ideas and potential solutions we can use to mitigate staffing challenges
- Be aware of any AFHs that have Medicaid bed openings

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APD means Aging and People with Disabilities. APD adult foster homes are licensed to care for adults who are older and adults with physical disabilities.

Providers will be receiving a unique link in the email address they have provided to their licensing team. If you do not have an email address on file, please contact your licensor or send an email to:

[APD.AFHteam@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHteam@dhsoha.state.or.us)

If you have any questions, please contact the APD AFH team at

[APD.AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us)