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To: All APD Adult Foster Home Licensees

From: Aging and People with Disabilities
ODHS Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)

Subject: **Executive Orders will no longer be issued effective 4-1-2022**

The existing Executive Order process being utilized by ODHS for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases is ending effective April 1, 2022. This change is due to the Governor rescinding the declaration of the State Emergency in Oregon on April 1, 2022.

Therefore, ODHS will no longer be issuing Executive Orders effective April 1, 2022. However, to ensure the safety of all residents and staff, Adult Foster Home (AFH) licensees must continue following all requirements outlined in the Executive Order when there is a positive COVID-19 case in the AFH. These requirements include the following:

- **ADMISSIONS/ READMISSIONS:** Licensee is allowed to admit or readmit residents into the AFH listed at the above address when all of the following criteria are met:
 - 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.

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- **RESTRICTION OF VISITATION:** Visitors shall be restricted from entering the adult foster home to prevent further spread of the virus and to ensure the health and safety of all residents and the broader community.
- **RESTRICT CONGREGATE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:** Licensee shall discontinue communal dining and group activities in an effort to minimize the risk of spreading the virus.
- **FAMILY MEMBER/ AUTHORIZED REP NOTIFICATION:** Licensee must send notification to family members and/or authorized representatives informing them of confirmed COVID-19 infection in the adult foster home.
- **RELOCATE RESIDENT(S) TO PRIVATE ROOM IF AVAILABLE:** If available the Licensee will move the resident(s) with suspected, presumptive or confirmed COVID-19 to a licensed room that lowers the risk of spread of infection (shared to private room), unless otherwise instructed by Public Health Authority.

These requirements must remain in place until it has been at least 14 days from the date of the last resident testing COVID positive, or 14 days since the last positive staff or associated staff worked in the AFH while infectious, whichever is longer.

ODHS is in the process of filing an emergency temporary Oregon Administrative Rule outlining the ongoing requirements facilities must follow each time there is a newly identified positive case. Once the temporary rules are in place, ODHS will notify all providers via a Provider Alert.

Facilities must also continue notifying their licenser and the Safety, Oversight and Quality team at SOQ.LTCinfo@dhsosha.state.or.us each time there is a newly identified COVID-19 outbreak, as well as when the outbreak has ended.

If you have any questions about this alert, please email APD.AFHteam@dhsosha.state.or.us