

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: Updated COVID-19 Screening and Reporting Requirements

The onset of fall brings us back indoors and increases the risk of both COVID-19 and flu transmission, especially in congregated living settings. This alert aims to provide adult foster home (AFH) providers with the information they need keep those in their AFH setting safe.

Screening

Per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) active screening of all visitors is no longer a requirement however it is still strongly encouraged that those visiting any long-term care setting ensure they are not experiencing any symptoms of flu or COVID-19 and delay their visit if they are not feeling well.

Masks

The mask protocols will remain in place through the upcoming flu season to minimize risk of flu and COVID-19 transmission for those living in long-term care settings. As before, those that live in the AFH are not required to wear a mask when providing care.

Vaccines

Vaccines are readily accessible and are still the best protection against COVID-19. Vaccination also aids in minimizing the impact of illness on those who do become infected.

Isolation and Transmission Based Protocols

Patients with mild to moderate illness who are *not* moderately to severely immunocompromised:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **and**
- At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Patients who were asymptomatic throughout their infection and are *not* moderately to severely immunocompromised:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive viral test.

Patients with severe to critical illness and who are *not* moderately to severely immunocompromised:

- At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* **and**
- At least 24 hours have passed *since last fever* without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved
- The test-based strategy as described for moderately to severely immunocompromised patients below can be used to inform the duration of isolation.

****If you have any questions about the above isolation protocols, please consult with the resident's medical provider for guidance****

Reporting

AFH licensees or their designee must also continue notifying their licensor and the Safety, Oversight and Quality team each time there is a newly identified COVID-19 outbreak, as well as when the outbreak has ended, via the following email address:

- Adult Foster Homes: SOQ.LTCinfo@odhs.oregon.gov

If you have any questions about this alert, please email the APD adult foster home program: APD.AFHTeam@odhs.oregon.gov