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**TO: Residential Care and Assisted
Living Facilities**

FROM: Safety Oversight and Quality



RE: Universal Eye Protection: Update

Effective immediately, universal eye protection (the proactive use of face shields or goggles), will not be required for Community Based Care facilities in counties with **minimal community spread** of COVID-19, as identified in Oregon Health Authority's [COVID-19 community spread map](#). Indicators used to produce the community spread map are also available at this site.

Be advised that other forms of personal protective equipment, including **face masks, are still required at all times**, as is adherence to the core principles of COVID-19 infection control. Eye protection is a required element of personal protective equipment when caring for a resident with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

In accordance with current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the universal use of eye protection while in resident care areas will remain mandatory under the following conditions:

- Facility is located in a county with moderate or higher **community spread** of COVID-19;
<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/oregon.health.authority.covid.19/viz/OregonCOVID-19PublicHealthIndicators/Risk>, or
- Facility currently has an Executive Order for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Please note: this provider alert supersedes all previous provider alerts regarding eye protection. Percentage of staff or residents vaccinated is no longer a factor in determining whether or not eye protection is required.

References

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html#healthcare-personnel>