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Information Memorandum

Community Based Care Providers

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From: Community Based Care: Assisted Living, Residential Care,
Memory Care Facilities Licensing

Subject: Public Health Guidance for Admissions and Transfers during
Widespread Influenza

Summary: Public Health may issue recommendations for hospital transfers and admits related to influenza and norovirus. Facilities are reminded that Public Health guidance does not suspend or revise Assisted Living, Residential Care and Memory Care licensing rules.

Weather events, a worse than usual influenza season and norovirus outbreaks have contributed to high demand for hospital care. Efforts to facilitate hospital discharges may include guidance, encouraging Assisted Living, Residential Care or Memory Care Facility admission of:

- Residents who have been hospitalized for a communicable disease.
- Residents to facilities that are experiencing outbreaks of communicable disease.

Providers must weigh public health guidance and hospital requests in the context of facility-specific conditions, while assuring compliance with all state rules. Please feel free to contact DHS for technical assistance (contact info below).

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Following are resources for reporting communicable disease outbreaks to local public health offices:

Oregon Disease Reporting: What is Reportable and When:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/ReportingCommunicableDisease/Pages/reportable.aspx>.

Local County Health Department Contact Information:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/ProviderPartnerResources/LocalHealthDepartmentResources/Pages/lhd.aspx>

Oregon Flu Information:

<https://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/DiseaseSurveillanceData/Influenza/Pages/surveil.aspx>

MDRO: Interfacility Transfer Form:

http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/HAI/Documents/InterFacility_Transfer/Oregon-IFT_Form.pdf

Oregon Patient Safety Commission:

<http://oregonpatientsafety.org>

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