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### NF-21-054 – Provider Alert

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To: Nursing Facilities

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit,  
Office of Aging and People with Disabilities

Subject: **No Changes to Oregon COVID-19 Guidelines**

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On September 10, 2021, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention released updates to their [COVID-19 Infection Control Guidance](#). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also issued guidance to Nursing Facilities on September 10, 2021; [QSO-20-38-NH REVISED 09/10/2021](#).

Due to the current surge in Oregon, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will **not be changing** several key infection prevention practices for Oregon nursing facilities. Infection prevention recommendations that will remain in place until otherwise notified include:

- **Masking in healthcare settings.** Oregon Administrative Rule [333-019-1011](#) continues to require masking in healthcare settings, irrespective of county transmission levels.
- **Quarantine of fully vaccinated residents.** Irrespective of vaccination status, residents should continue to be placed in quarantine if they have had close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- **Outbreak testing.** Facilities should continue to conduct full-facility testing in response to a single case in a resident or staff member.

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