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All Community Based Care Providers

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Subject: **COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates**



IMPORTANT UPDATES

Vaccine Requirements

On August 21, 2021 Governor Brown announced that COVID-19 vaccinations are mandatory for all Oregonians working in healthcare. This mandate includes all Long-Term Care licensed facilities, staff, and volunteers. Additional information about the Governor's mandate may be referenced here:

- [Governor Brown's Press Release](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Vaccination Rule](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Religious Exception Form](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority Vaccine Medical Exception Form](#)

Executive Orders and Readmissions

Executive order templates have been updated to indicate resident admissions and readmissions may take place without prior approval from the Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ), provided the facility is able to ensure the following standards are able to be met:

- Facility staff are keeping residents with suspected or confirmed COVID separate from those that are negative

- The facility has sufficient staff to meet the needs of the residents
- All infection control measures are implemented, strictly followed and monitored in accordance with OHA, CMS and CDC guidelines
- When the facility has any COVID positive residents, the facility has dedicated staff to care for COVID positive residents without risking exposure to any residents with a negative COVID status.

Reminder, resident vaccine status cannot be used as a criterion for resident admissions.

If you have questions, please contact your licensing team:

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