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### **NF-22-049-Provider Alert**

Date: September 8, 2022

To: All Community Based Care Providers  
All Nursing Facility Providers

From: Aging and People with Disabilities  
ODHS Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)



Subject: **Potential Public Safety Power Shutoff**

Pacific Power issued [a news release Sept. 7, 2022](#), notifying customers in several Oregon counties of a potential Public Safety Power Shutoff. [The weather forecasts for Friday and Saturday](#) show high, gusty winds during extreme wildfire conditions.

People in these parts of Oregon could experience a Public Safety Power Shutoff:

- Stayton east through the Santiam Canyon
- Lebanon
- Sweet Home
- Lincoln City
- Glide east along Umpqua Highway

A map of potentially affected areas is available at [www.pacificpower.net/psps](http://www.pacificpower.net/psps) and at <https://portlandgeneral.com/outages>.

However, we know this could impact any facility in the future and we want all facilities to have plans in place. Your plan should include how you will: meet the needs of the Oregonians residing in your facilities who rely on medical equipment that requires electricity; maintain temperature-controlled medication; ensure residents are in a comfortable temperature environment; and provide them with meals and snacks.

In addition, fire detection, egress, and lighting systems may only work for less than 90 minutes without power. These things are often overlooked in power outages. If you are without power and have concerns about your ability to maintain fire and life safety, please contact your local or state fire marshal to ensure you maintain compliance and resident safety.

Here is some information from the Oregon Public Utility Commission on power outage preparedness: <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/safety/Pages/Power-Outage-Prep.aspx>

Please notify SOQ immediately if there are any resident relocations. Also, feel free to connect with SOQ and/or the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM) for support or additional resources at the following email addresses:

- Nursing Facilities: [NF.Licensing@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:NF.Licensing@odhsoha.oregon.gov)
- Community Based Care Facilities: [CBC.team@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:CBC.team@odhsoha.oregon.gov)
- OREM: [EM.ODHS@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:EM.ODHS@odhsoha.oregon.gov).