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All Adult Foster Homes

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RE: Infection Control Recommendations for Long Term Care Facilities During Large-Scale Evacuations

The unprecedented wildfire emergency in Oregon has necessitated the evacuation of long-term care facilities in affected areas, resulting in the need for facilities to use many different options for providing residents and staff with safe accommodations. During an evacuation, the primary goal is to safely remove residents from the facility if there is an immediate threat to safety in the area. When an evacuation occurs during a pandemic, it is also important to take steps whenever possible to minimize the risk of infectious disease transmission.

[Infection Control Recommendations](#) have been created by the Oregon Health Authority that are intended to reduce the risk of infection for both residents and staff when a facility evacuation has occurred, based on possible evacuation destinations.

You can also find this guidance on the Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit's COVID-19 website by following this link: [Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit COVID-19 Website](#)

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