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To: ODDS Case Management Entities and Providers
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Changes to COVID-19 policies

COVID-19 cases continue to rise rapidly statewide and in the developmental disabilities system. In order to protect health and safety, ODDS is returning to some prior COVID-19 policies. **These policy changes go into effect Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021.** Changes include:

- Masks required for all developmental disabilities providers, with the exception of providers that live with the person supported. This policy includes personal support workers and independent providers such as behavior professionals. In addition, providers in all employment and day support activity (DSA) services, including one-on-one services such as job coaching, are required to wear masks when providing support.
- In-person case management visits are paused unless there is a health and safety concern. In-person quality assurance visits also are paused.
- Group DSA and non-essential business employment path services (such as classes) can only happen if 80 percent of staff are vaccinated. No more than six people (including staff) are allowed in a cohort.

ODDS providers and case management entities should also refer to the [Oregon Health Authority/ODDS Playbook for Timely Response Protocol for COVID-19 Outbreak in a Developmental Disability Residential Setting](#). The playbook outlines coordination and response efforts of ODDS and Oregon

Health Authority (OHA) when three or more cases of COVID-19 are associated with a developmental disabilities residential setting.

COVID-19 policy information and resources from ODDS, including all COVID worker guides, are online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx>

I appreciate everything that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, family members, providers and case managers are doing to support health and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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