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June 30, 2021

To: ODDS Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: ODDS COVID-19 Restrictions Lifting

As outlined in my [June 24 message](#), ODDS has been preparing for the announcement by Governor Brown lifting most restrictions related to COVID-19.

On June 30, the Governor lifted those restrictions. Effective July 1, ODDS is making changes to requirements for providers, case management entities, and licensors, and each of these impact people receiving services and their families. Details of updated ODDS policies are in the [transmittal](#). All the [current COVID-19 worker guides](#) have also been updated.

Here are some highlights of the policy changes:

- ODDS is lifting mask requirements for in-home, foster, and group home providers, as well as one-to-one employment and day support activities (DSA). ODDS recommends providers continue to wear masks, especially if people are unvaccinated or immunocompromised, but it will no longer be required in these settings.
- Masks will still be required for group employment and group DSA services, except DSA held outdoors.
- People in services can ask for their provider to continue to wear a mask even after restrictions are lifted.
- Some in-person case management services will resume, including annual monitoring.
- In-person licensing and tours of residential (foster and group homes) will resume.

Thank you for all you are doing to ensure health and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the word.

Lilia Teninty
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