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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

The Oregon Health Authority recently issued a [bulletin](#) showing that COVID-19 is increasing significantly in Oregon. Under new modeling, OHA said Oregonians should prepare to see “exponential growth” in coronavirus infections in the next three weeks — with roughly 900 to 4,800 new daily infections possible under moderate to pessimistic models.

In addition, Gov. Brown also issued a [new statewide requirement](#) that face coverings be worn in any indoor public space starting July 1.

As COVID-19 cases increase throughout Oregon, we are also seeing increases in the intellectual and developmental disabilities system. Given this situation, ODDS has issued policy guidance reminding providers, case management entities and anyone who provides direct care or services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of required protocols and responsibilities to ensure health and safety.

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, I also want to remind everyone to take precautions. Celebrate the holiday within your household, and limit outside activities as much as possible. If you do go out to do necessary tasks, take precautions such as physical distancing by at least 6 feet and wear a mask or face covering. Continue to frequently wash your hands and practice other safety procedures.

For additional COVID-19 policy information and resources from ODDS, go to: <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx>

Thank you for supporting health and safety.

Sincerely,



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