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To: ODDS Stakeholders

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

Subject: Upcoming ODDS COVID-19 policy changes

On May 11, 2021, Gov. Kate Brown announced that when 70 percent of Oregonians age 16 and older get at least a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, most restrictions will be lifted.

When this occurs, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services' (ODDS) COVID-19 policies will change. There will be a seven-day period for people to adjust policies and practices once the restrictions are lifted. Below is some information you need to know now to prepare for when those restrictions are lifted.

First, it is anticipated that mask guidance will change, as follows:

- ODDS will be 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.
- People in services can ask for their provider to continue to wear a mask even after restrictions are lifted and should start that conversation now.
- Provider agencies should take this time to prepare a mask policy for employees to follow which follows Oregon Health Authority and

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidance, if that is not already complete.

ODDS also anticipates some return to in-person contact including:

- There will be a phased return to some in-person case management services.
- In-person licensing activities will resume.
- In-person activities may resume
- Tours of residential homes (foster and group) will resume.

These changes will go into effect once Oregon reaches that 70 percent goal and the Governor lifts restrictions. We do not yet know when that will happen. ODDS wants to make sure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, providers and case management entities are prepared and having conversations now for when most restrictions lift.

Sincerely,

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