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To: ODDS Stakeholders

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

Subject: Mask requirements for providers

Due to rising cases of COVID-19 statewide, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services is requiring providers in group home, I/DD adult foster home and supported living settings to wear masks when providing services. Staff and people in supported group employment and group day support activities in indoor settings, regardless of whether it is at a provider site or not, must also wear masks.

This policy goes into effect Friday, August 6, 2021. Transmittal [PT 20-074](#) outlines the requirements.

Rising cases of COVID-19, including in the I/DD service system, means that we must make efforts to protect the health and safety of people in services. Staff who work in the settings mentioned above must wear a mask or appropriate face covering whenever providing services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

COVID-19 vaccinations are essential to protecting people with I/DD, their families and support staff. If you haven't already, please get vaccinated. The Oregon Health Authority [website](#) has tools to find vaccine locations near you.

Thank you for your commitment to health and safety.

Sincerely,



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