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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders


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

Face covering requirements


Starting June 24, face coverings are required for indoor public spaces in the following counties:

Multnomah	Hood River	Lincoln
Washington	Marion	
Clackamas	Polk	


This requirement does **not** apply to:



People with a disability that prevents them from wearing a mask.




Children under 12 years of age.



People with a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask.

For more information visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211



Gov. Brown recently announced that starting June 24, people in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Marion, Polk, Hood River and Lincoln counties must wear a mask or face covering in stores or other indoor public spaces to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

ODDS has put out [specific guidance](#) in the past on mask or face coverings, including the requirement that all agency staff providing direct care to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities wear a cloth mask, face covering or surgical mask.

It's important to remember to follow the rules of your specific county. If you are in a county where masks are now required for indoor public spaces, please follow the local rules. It is also important for providers and case managers to help support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to stay safe by also following these rules. Staff can help inform and educate the people they serve on why masks or face coverings are important, but of course cannot force any individual to wear one. If someone with I/DD is unable to wear a mask, please support that person to be safe in other ways, including physical distancing from those not in their household and limiting non-essential activities out in public spaces.

In general, many counties are in different phases on reopening. Please reference the [ODDS Worker Guides on phased reopening](#), and follow the rules of your local area.

Oregon Health Authority has [specific guidance](#) on the face covering requirement.

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>

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.

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