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To: CDDPs, Brokerages, Providers and ODDS Stakeholders

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

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is dedicated to supporting the safety and health of Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some counties in Oregon will be reopening businesses and services starting May 15, in conjunction with guidance from public health. However, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are at higher-risk of being negatively impacted by COVID-19, either due to their primary disability or a secondary condition.

For this reason, people with I/DD are asked to continue to stay home as much as possible even during Phase 1 reopening. Providers and case managers who support people are required to continue all current ODDS safety protocols, including restricting non-essential visitors to group homes or I/DD foster homes. More guidance and resources from ODDS about reopening will be coming soon.

Thank you as always for your hard work and for supporting health and safety at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lilia Teninty
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Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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