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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Highlights of ODDS COVID-19 Policy Changes

As mentioned in my [message](#) on Friday, the [Governor recently announced](#) a statewide “freeze,” with all counties facing restrictions due to rising COVID-19 cases. The restrictions will last from Nov. 18 through Dec. 2, possibly longer in counties with high COVID-19 cases.

ODDS has amended the COVID-19 worker guides to give updated guidance related to the statewide freeze. In addition, we have also posted a new version of the [Scenarios document](#) with changes to some reporting requirements.

Here are some highlights of changes:

- [Updated Scenarios document](#) includes expanding reporting requirements of employment and day support activity (DSA) providers.
- Eliminates requirements to report to ODDS on pre-admission, pre-operative, pre-procedure testing for individuals unless results are positive for COVID.
- Requires use of the [ODDS COVID-19 Reporting Form](#).
- [Case management worker guide](#) highlights that CDDP and Brokerage staff should work remotely and points to the Governor’s guidance.
- [Group home and foster care residential worker guide](#) outlines restriction on visitors in residential settings, gives recommendations on how to help a person self-isolate if they leave the state for non-essential travel and reminds providers of the new guidelines from the Governor. Similar travel guidance is echoed in the [in-home agency worker guide](#) and the [supported living worker guide](#).
- [Employment and DSA worker guide](#) allows one-to-one (1:1) services in a facility only with an approved reopening plan. Previous guidance

limited the number of 1:1 services which could take place within a facility at one time based on an approved reopening plan. During the freeze, a reopening plan continues to be required but for any previously approved plans or forthcoming plans there may be no more than six people in a facility at a time including staff and participants.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep yourself, your family and Oregonians with I/DD safe and healthy during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lilia".

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