



November 13, 2020

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

Today the [Governor 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. Here are some of the new restrictions the governor’s office released:

- Limiting social get-togethers (indoors and outdoors) to no more than six people, total, from no more than two households.
- Limiting faith-based organizations to a maximum of 25 people indoors or 50 people outdoors.
- Limiting restaurants and bars to take-out only.
- Closing gyms and fitness organizations.
- Requiring all businesses to mandate work-from-home to the greatest extent possible and closing offices to the public.
- Prohibiting indoor visiting in long-term care facilities.

For ODDS, visitor restrictions are in place statewide for all group homes and I/DD foster homes. Only essential visitors, as outlined in the [Residential Worker Guide](#) under guidelines for “paused” counties, are allowed during this time for the entire state. Additional guidance will be coming out Monday for other ODDS services.

In addition, Gov. Brown also issued new guidance regarding non-essential out-of-state travel:

<https://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=37700>

Please view our Stay Home Save Lives video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with helpful information on staying safe.

These restrictions are difficult for our entire state, but a necessary step to protect health and safety and to make sure our hospitals and medical clinics have capacity to continue treating people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" that loops around the first few letters.

Lilia Teninty
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