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To: ODDS Staff and Stakeholders, including individuals and families
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: ODDS COVID-19 vaccination plan

We have been receiving inquiries recently from stakeholders about the future COVID-19 vaccination and how people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) will be incorporated into Oregon's vaccination plan. The Oregon Health Authority recently submitted Oregon's preliminary plan to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). That plan included data provided by ODDS.

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is working with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on the [COVID-19 vaccination plan](#) in order to ensure adults with I/DD are included in the final plan. We are confident that adults with I/DD will be prioritized when a vaccine is available, along with others considered high-risk for adverse outcomes of COVID-19.

OHA has confirmed that children are not part of the initial COVID-19 vaccination plans because children are not part of the vaccine trials and are unlikely to be prioritized until more data is available. It's important to know that no one, including people with I/DD, will be required to get a vaccine. We expect it will be strongly recommended, not required.

ODDS will continue to update our stakeholders as we have more information. Thank you for your work and for supporting health and safety efforts during this time.

Sincerely,



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