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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

I know this a very challenging time for everyone involved in the I/DD service system. We are all doing our best to navigate daily life in the new reality of the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate all the efforts happening to keep Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities safe and healthy. We are taking steps to protect people with I/DD, their staff and families we could not have imagined just weeks ago.

On Monday, Governor Kate Brown issued [Executive Order 20-12](#), “Stay Home, Save Lives.” This order took further steps to help flatten the curve of COVID-19.

At ODDS, we took immediate steps to address the order. This included a [policy transmittal](#) on Essential Staff during a Stay at Home order. We have also put together an ODDS Staffing Support team to help address urgent staffing needs. Transmittals for [Case Management Entities](#), as well as residential, DSA, employment and in-home community living support [providers](#) detailing the staffing support process were issued.

I recently recorded a [podcast](#) discussing the steps that ODDS has taken to ensure health and safety during COVID-19. The podcast is [online](#) with a transcript available.

Other important information and guidance released this week includes:

- [Contingency funding](#) for supported employment and DSA providers
- [Updated guidance](#) related to the Executive Order for DSA and employment providers
- [Transmittal](#) on the criminal history check process
- [Transmittal](#) on temporary suspension of quality assurance reviews
- [Transmittal](#) on extension of Oregon Needs Assessment expiration dates

- [Temporary changes](#) to CDDP adult abuse investigations due to COVID-19
- Several updated transmittals related to Personal Support Workers, including [temporary emergency authorization for overtime](#) and [request for lost payment hardship benefit](#).
- Updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) for Case Management Entities
- Updated [FAQ](#) for providers

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty  
Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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