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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

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

The Oregon Health Authority has identified several counties in Oregon with presumptive positive cases of COVID-19. COVID-19 is spread from person-to-person through droplets in the air and on surfaces that people touch. More information is on [OHA's website](#).

This situation is unfolding quickly and the risks for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are high. Under regular circumstances, we use meetings, the ODDS website and other avenues to gather input from our partners and stakeholders before issuing transmittals and other policy guidance. Thank you for understanding that our ability to that right now is significantly limited.

In order to protect the health and safety of the people we serve, and to provide clear guidance to our case management entities, we have issued a [transmittal](#) asking for CDDPs, Brokerages, Children's Residential Services and Children's Intensive In-Home Services to submit a list to ODDS of individuals at your CME who may be at high-risk. This is to help ensure the safety of potentially vulnerable individuals.

ODDS is requesting this information to ensure that we know who may be at high-risk for COVID-19 statewide. This information will be used to coordinate with individuals, families, CDDPs/Brokerages, providers and appropriate local Public Health entities. ODDS is available to provide technical assistance, as needed.

The Assessment Spreadsheet can also be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx> under "Case Managers."

We have also issued transmittals requiring emergency plans for all our provider types, including [adult and children's foster care](#), [24-hour residential](#), [supported living](#), [employment](#), and [community living/day support activity providers](#).

Other important information and guidance released this week includes:

- Information from the [Oregon Health Authority](#) on new presumptive positive cases of COVID-19.
- Information from the Oregon Health Authority on [infection control guidance](#) for in-home workers.
- [New fact sheet](#) from the Oregon Home Care Commission for Personal Support Workers and Home Care Workers.
- New [guidance](#) from the Aging and People with Disabilities program on limiting exposure to COVID-19 for implementation in all nursing facilities.
- ODDS created a [web page](#) with COVID-19 guidance and information for case managers, providers and the general public.

We appreciate your hard work. I know we all have the health and safety of the people we support, as well as our coworkers, friends, and loved ones, top of mind. Thank you for your diligence and for prioritizing this important work.

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
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