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To: ODDS Providers and Partners

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: Vaccination requirement for ODDS Group Homes and Adult Foster Homes

The Governor announced that she is lifting Executive Order 20-03. This executive order declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has been in place since early 2020. Additionally, the Governor will be lifting Executive Order 21-29, which is the vaccination requirement for state employees.

COVID-19 vaccination, or an approved medical/religious exception, is still required for providers in ODDS settings such as 24-hour group homes, I/DD adult foster homes and SACU homes under the Oregon Health Authority's health care rule. Providers in ODDS in-home settings, such as personal support workers, are highly encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine to protect the people they support, but it is not required.

As detailed in my [Feb. 15 message](#), mask requirements for all ODDS settings, including in-home services, will remain in place even after state indoor public mask requirements end after March 11, 2022.

Thank for continuing to support the health and safety of Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,



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