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To: CDDPs, Brokerages, Providers and ODDS Stakeholders

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

Oregon's Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is committed to ensuring health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, we ask that people continue to stay home and stay safe as much as possible.

Many temporary emergency policies ODDS has issued related to COVID-19 will remain in place throughout Phase One reopening.

ODDS recently released transmittal [PT-20-073](#) that has links to six different worker guides for reopening. In addition, there is a [Reopening Guidance Fact Sheet](#) for individuals and families, which is also translated into eight languages on the [ODDS COVID-19 web page](#). There is a new [Powtoon animated video](#) on reopening. There is also a [sample tool](#) for supporting people to make decisions about returning to work and activities. Please share these resources widely.

All our COVID-19 policy changes also remain in effect during Phase One reopening, including, but not limited to:

- Visitation restrictions in 24-hour group homes and adult I/DD foster homes
- Requirements that providers report all suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases to ODDS and their local public health agency.
- Requirement that agency staff, including Direct Support Professionals and Employment Specialists, wear a mask or face covering when providing direct care to a person.
- Closure of Day Support Activity and Employment Path Facility sites that congregate people for non-essential work or recreation.
- Case Management-related activities should continue to be done remotely, except when in-person contact is needed to ensure health

and safety. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment must be worn for in-person contact.

- People with I/DD can continue to go out for essential activities, such as work, grocery shopping and medical appointments, and outdoor activities and recreation with appropriate physical distancing and safety precautions.

For additional COVID-19 policy information and resources from ODDS, go to: <https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx>

I know that these restrictions are not easy on anyone. We have all had to adapt quickly to a new way of living to help slow the spread of COVID-19. I appreciate everything that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, family members, providers and case managers are doing to support health and safety.

Sincerely,

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

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