

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Issue date: 4/14/2022

Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All ODHS Employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): All DD Provider Agencies |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Updated Office of Developmental Disabilities Services COVID-19 Policy Guide		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:	4/15/2022	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-information.aspx		

Discussion/interpretation:

ODDS' multiple COVID-19 worker guides have been consolidated into one comprehensive [COVID-19 Policy Guide](#) for the various provider types and service settings within the developmental disabilities service system.

This includes:

- Case management entities
- 24-hour residential providers
- Adult foster home providers
- Licensors
- In-home providers
- Supported living providers
- DSA and Employment services

This PT will be used to announce any changes or updates to the guide.

The following important changes are included in this new guide:

- Removal of screening requirements
- Removal of visitor logs
- Clarification on visitor requirements during COVID-19 outbreaks
- Resuming typical IBL processes
- Background check updates
- In-person licensing
- Extension of reduced training requirements
- DSA group size increased to 8 people, regardless of vaccination status of staff
- Removal of mask requirement in outdoor settings

Please note, masks are still required when within six feet of an individual for case management staff and all providers who do not live with the individual when they are indoors.

Implementation/transition instructions:

The following policy transmittal related to the multiple reopening worker guides is obsolete:

- **APD-PT-20-074**

Training/communication plan:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us.

The Monthly Transmittal Reviews are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm using the Zoom platform. Please register in advance for these meetings:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-qvqD8iGURx5OQk8TAdIS6Arg9ZAf4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing an appointment and information about joining the meeting. American Sign Language (ASL) and live captioning will be provided. To request other accommodations or languages, please send an email to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Local/branch action required:

Central office action required:

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Engagement and Innovation website stakeholder review.

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