

# Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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**Topic:** Developmental Disabilities

**Due date:**

**Subject:** Reminder of Mandatory Reporting during COVID-19 pandemic

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS 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 type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): Support Service Brokerages, all DD Providers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                          |   |

**Message:**

Governor Brown has issued Executive Order 20-03, allowing for state agencies to develop and implement procedures that are in response to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). This has prompted numerous changes to procedures and practices across the state and has resulted in a significant decrease in reporting of suspected abuse

Given the decrease in reporting, the Department believes it is imperative that individuals working with people with developmental disabilities understand their obligation and responsibilities related to mandatory reporting under Oregon Law and know how to make a report of suspected abuse.

You are required by law to report suspected abuse of:

- children
- adults age 65 and over
- adults with developmental disabilities
- adults with mental illness, and

- residents in nursing facilities

Reports of suspected abuse of vulnerable Oregonians should be made to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233).

The Department has developed a free online training that is specific to the laws for **mandatory abuse reporting for adults with developmental disabilities**. The online training is available on the [iLearn.oregon.gov](https://ilearn.oregon.gov) website under the course title Mandatory Reporting: People with Developmental Disabilities. The Course link is as follows: <https://ilearn.oregon.gov/dl.aspx?id=6C375B2E945644279894AC45C59FCAE8>

All non-State employees are welcome to take the training but need to create an account to access the course. To create an account, follow this link: [How To Create A New Account For Non-State Employees](#)

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