Information Memorandum Transmittal
Developmental Disabilities Services

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: Resources to Assist Child and Adult Foster Home Providers in Accessing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applies to (check all that apply):

☐ All DHS employees
☐ Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}
☐ Aging and People with Disabilities
☐ Self Sufficiency Programs
☒ County DD program managers
☐ Support Service Brokerage Directors
☐ ODDS Children’s Residential Services
☐ Child Welfare Programs
☐ County Mental Health Directors
☐ Health Services
☐ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
☐ ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
☐ Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
☒ Other (please specify): DD Licensing, Child and Adult Foster Home Providers, DD Foster Home Licensors and Certifiers

Message:

Oregon has recently seen COVID-19 cases in people without high-risk exposures (i.e., travel to affected regions or contact with known cases). Community-wide measures like hand hygiene and staying home when ill are essential to decrease further community spread. The CDC indicates that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, and people who are immunocompromised. This policy direction is being implemented immediately to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to some of the most vulnerable community members in Oregon.

When the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required in a Child or Adult Foster Home to safely provide services and prevent the spread of COVID-19, foster providers should work with their local county emergency managers to obtain PPEs.
Foster providers should use the link below to identify and contact the appropriate emergency manager in their respective counties.


For guidance on when PPE is required, please refer to the COVID-19 Scenarios Tool.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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