

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	CME responsibility to report COVID infected providers		
Policy/rule number(s):	411-323-0050; OAR411-346-0220(1); OAR 411-360-0250	Release number:	
Effective date:	On publication	Expiration date:	TBA
References:	n/a		
Web address:	n/a		

Discussion/interpretation:

ODDS recognizes that providers of all types are under a great deal of strain due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers across Oregon have performed at commendable levels and their work is appreciated and valued, now more than ever. ODDS has put in requirements for all providers to ensure that someone who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or has a case of COVID-19 does not provide direct service. Additionally, residential providers (including Foster Care homes) must screen anyone prior to entry into the home. These requirements are to ensure the health and safety of individuals with I/DD.

In order to ensure ODDS is able to keep people safe, the CME must take action.

When a CME becomes aware of any provider delivering services in-person to an individual while being diagnosed with COVID-19 or while having COVID-19-like symptoms, the CME must:

- Immediately report it to ODDS. For agency or foster care providers, notify the DD licensing email box, DD.LICENSING@dhsosha.state.or.us, include any documentation of the instance available to the CME. Inform the provider they must immediately stop in-person contact between the individual and the diagnosed or symptomatic person.
- Engage in back up planning as necessary to ensure the individual's support needs are met.
- Follow other reporting requirements outlined in the [scenarios document](#).

ODDS has made a temporary change to OAR 411-323-0050 that prohibits an agency from allowing an employee or volunteer who has been diagnosed with or is showing symptoms of COVID-19 to have access to individuals that may result in exposure of an individual to the coronavirus. It is the Department's intent to act on violations of this rule by putting one or more conditions on the agency's certificate and/or endorsement.

ODDS intends to apply the same standard and take similar actions under its existing authority for children's foster home providers (OAR411-346-0220(1)) and adult foster home providers (OAR 411-360-0250). Child foster home providers, foster care licensees who live with the residents of the home, resident managers, or other paid providers who live in the home will be considered to be exposing an individual to the virus when they fail to take reasonable measures to prevent transmittal of COVID-19 as directed by health care professionals or the Local Public Health Authority. Allowing anyone diagnosed with or showing symptoms of COVID-19 into the home who isn't a resident of the home may also be cause for a condition to be placed on the foster home license or certificate.

Training/communication plan: Question sent to ODDS.FieldLiaison@dhsosha.state.or.us will be addressed during regularly scheduled webinars for CMEs and COVID-19.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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