

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 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 (<i>please specify</i>): All DD Provider Agencies; Individuals; and Families |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	ODDS Reopening Policy Worker's Guides and Updates		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:	06/01/2020 Updated 07/07/2020 Updated 07/20/2020 Updated 08/19/2020 Updated 09/16/2020 Updated 09/29/2020 Updated 10/27/2020 Updated 11/10/2020 Updated 11/12/2020 Updated 11/16/2020	Expiration date:	To Be Announced

	Updated 12/03/2020 Updated 12/21/2020 Updated 01/12/2021 Updated 01/14/2021 Updated 01/20/2021 Updated 02/03/2021 Updated 02/25/2021 Updated 03/04/2021 Updated 04/08/2021 Updated 04/27/2021 Updated 06/29/2021		
References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-information.aspx		

Updates for 6/29/2021

The following is a summary, there are additional details in each guide that case managers and providers must be aware of.

- References to county risk levels removed.
- Lifts mask requirement for many situations. Indoor group services involving members from more than one household will continue to require masks as will DSA and Employment programs operating indoors at a provider's site.
- Adjusts to visitor restrictions.
- Adjusts staff screening requirements.
- DSP training requirements revert to pre-pandemic expectations for 2022.
- In person licensing, QA, and limited case management monitoring visits.
- Employment and DSA provider reopening acknowledgements are no longer required.
- Group services are limited to no more than 8, staff and participants.

These policies are being released upon lifting of the Risk Level requirements by Oregon's Governor Brown, expected no later than 6/30/2021. These ODDS policies will go into effect 7/1/2021 unless otherwise stated.

End of updates for 6/29/2021

Discussion/interpretation:

ODDS' COVID-19 policy for various provider types is contained in the following

Reopening Worker's Guides:

- Case Management Entities (CMEs):
[Case Management Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- 24 Hour Residential and Foster Care Providers:
[Residential Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- Employment and Day Support Activities Providers:
[Employment and DSA Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- Supported Living Providers:
[Supported Living Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- In-Home Agency Providers:
[In-Home Agency Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- Licensors:
[Licensing Reopening Worker's Guide](#)

Transmittals aimed at other provider types (including Personal Support Workers [PSWs] and Behavior Consultants) will remain in place.

ODDS COVID related information is [posted here](#).

The following COVID-19 related transmittals are obsolete:

- Action Requests (all year 2020): 011, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 027, 028, 029, 033, 036, 040, 049, 050, 057, 058, 059, 060.
- Informational Memoranda (all year 2020): 024, 028, 031, 032, 040, 045, 048, 050.
- Policy Transmittals (all year 2020): 015, 018, 021, 023, 024, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 042, 043, 044, 046, 049, 050, 052, 053, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 066, 067, 068, 073, 092.

The following transmittals remain valid are not incorporated into a guide:

- [AR-20-030](#) Behavior Professionals with expiring "G" level OIS certificates
- [AR-20-031](#) COVID-19 Scenarios Tools
- [AR-20-037](#) ODDS COVID-19 Staffing Support
- [AR-20-039](#) PSW Request for lost payment Hardship Benefit (PTO)
- [AR-20-042](#) Temporary Changes to CDDP Adult Abuse Investigation Practice
- [AR-20-049](#) Information to report to ODDS re: individual and paid providers
- [AR-20-051](#) PSW Payment Processing Changes
- [AR-20-055](#) Training Opportunity Through Open Future Learning
- [AR-20-059](#) Notification of potential COVID-19 exposure
- [IM-20-026](#) Behavior Professionals and home visits during CV19
- [IM-20-041](#) PPE Masks and Gloves for Personal Support Workers
- [IM-20-116](#) Attendant Care Services and School
- [IM-20-125](#) COVID compliance assistance

- [PT-20-025](#) Presumed Eligibility Guidance
- [PT-20-045](#) "Stay at Home, Save Lives," Executive Order 20-12
- [PT-20-048](#) Temporary policy changes to (PASRR) process
- [PT-20-064](#) COVID-19 CARES Act benefits and resources
- [PT-20-069](#) LTCR Extension for DD Providers in eXPRS
- [PT-20-071](#) Department funding of Assistive Technology
- [PT-20-075](#) Scenarios and Reporting requirements for COVID-19
- [PT-20-079](#) COVID-19 and CAM Reporting
- [PT-20-083](#) COVID-19 and CAM Reporting for Abuse Investigations and Death Reviews
- ~~[PT-20-092](#) Summer Hours Extended; Attendant Care During 2020-2021 School Year~~
- [PT-20-111](#) OIS Expiration Extension for Independent Providers of Professional Behavior Services

Training/communication plan:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. These meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@dhs.ohio.gov. The link to participate is here:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting,](#)

or call: [971-277-2343](tel:971-277-2343); conference ID: 403 980 561#

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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