

Action Request Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Issue date: 2/18/2021

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Topic: Licensing

Due date: 2/26/2021

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Support and Follow-up for AFH

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Action required: Effective immediately, APD/AAA leadership need to connect with all AFH providers within each district in an attempt to achieve a baseline of current vaccine status and identify gaps needing to be addressed with our vaccine partners. Each district will be provided a spreadsheet listing provider information as well as the questions needing to be asked of AFH licensees. These calls are to take place **bi-monthly** until we can ensure the vaccination process complete.

The local office is to email their spreadsheet **bi-monthly** on Monday to Lynette Caldwell at the Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit beginning February 26, 2021. Email address: lynette.caldwell@dhsosha.state.or.us

Reason for action: Critical information gathering related to COVID-19 vaccines and completion of the vaccine rollout for APD AFHs.

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

Contact(s): Lynette Caldwell

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Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

Date: January 28, 2021
To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **Update on Vaccine Coordination for Adult Foster Homes**

The Oregon Department of Human Services sent notification in October that Adult Foster Homes (AFH) licensed by the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities could participate in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program for no-cost COVID-19 vaccinations. This partnership is being led by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and includes nationwide pharmacy partners.

AFH licensees that did not enroll are still able to receive vaccine support. The Department has given the list of facilities not enrolled to Oregon's Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and have asked them to connect and support vaccination services for AFHs in their area. We are also working with each LPHA and CCO to assess where additional support is needed from the state. This effort includes working with each LPHA to identify if there are alternate solutions to support AFH providers in receiving COVID-19 vaccines in a timely manner. **Please accept phone calls and emails from LPHAs, District Managers or CCOs who may be in touch to assess your vaccine needs.**

Everyone involved is dedicated to ensuring as many individuals can be vaccinated as quickly as possible, making sure Oregonians in long-term care are prioritized. Vaccine schedules are coordinated to most efficiently distribute the vaccine doses available.

We all feel a high degree of urgency to make vaccines available to you. We will continue to offer updates as more information is available. In the meantime, if you have not heard from an LPHA or CCO and are not signed up to receive

COVID-19 vaccine support, the Department will be contacting you in an effort to help to make the necessary connections.

We have also shared this information with ODHS District Managers and offices so they can help navigate vaccine connections to vaccine opportunities.

Questions about the adult foster home program can be directed to the adult foster home team at: APD.AFHTeam@dhsoha.state.or.us

Questions about COVID-19 and vaccine support can be directed to SOQ.LTCinfo@dhsoha.state.or.us