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To: Health care facilities
Health care providers in congregate settings

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Subject: REALD Data Collection and Reporting for COVID-19 Encounters

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) wants to help providers get ready to collect and report [Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability \(REALD\)](#) data during health care appointments related to testing or treatment of COVID-19. As a [Phase 2 provider](#), your organization is scheduled to start collecting and reporting this data by **March 1, 2021**. Phase 2 providers are:

- Health care providers working in or with individuals in a congregate setting (e.g., long term care settings, residential facilities, corrections facilities), and
- Health care facilities defined in [Oregon Revised Statute 442.015\(12\)\(a\)](#):
 - Hospitals (including psychiatric hospitals)
 - Long-term care facilities
 - Ambulatory surgical centers
 - Freestanding birthing centers
 - Outpatient renal dialysis facilities
 - Extended stay centers

Why is this happening?

In June 2020, the Oregon legislature passed [House Bill 4212](#) to address a variety of concerns related to COVID-19. Sections 40-43 of this bill required OHA to establish rules requiring all health care providers to collect and submit REALD data to OHA when reporting COVID-19 test results, hospitalizations, deaths, and MIS-C cases. Collecting this data will help OHA find out about the communities most impacted by COVID-19, and how to best support them.

OHA's rules have providers begin COVID-19 data collection and reporting in three phases:

- Phase 1 for providers in hospitals, health systems and federally qualified health centers, starting October 1, 2020,
- Phase 2 for health care facilities and congregate care settings starting March 1, 2021, and
- Phase 3 for all other providers by October 1, 2021.

What should you do?

[Please complete our 10-question, 5-minute survey](#) so that we can understand how to best support you and find out if we need to adjust the March 1 implementation date. Also be sure to review these pages:

- [REALD Reporting for COVID-19 Encounters](#) for the who, what, how of reporting REALD to OHA.
- [REALD for Providers](#) for REALD data collection resources, REALD forms in multiple languages, webinars and frequently asked questions, and the comprehensive REALD Implementation Guide.
- You can also visit the [Phase 1 Providers page](#) and sign up to hear about lessons learned during Phase 1 (the next session is Feb. 26).

Questions?

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests for additional REALD resources, [please email us](#).