



**Date:** May 12, 2021

**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 in their efforts to collect and report [Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability \(REALD\)](#) data during health care encounters for COVID-19. As a [Phase 2 provider](#), your organization was 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 is required of you?

If your organization is in a phase 2 provider category listed above, your REALD reporting burden was effective March 1, 2021. If your organization has not yet started reporting REALD data, please fill out [a compliance plan](#) to share with OHA your plans to reach compliance with these rules.

## Resources:

OHA will hold REALD Office Hours to answer your questions about REALD data collection and reporting requirements under HB 4212. Office hours are from 2 to 3 p.m.

- To sign up for the Friday, May 21 office hour, follow this [link](#).
- To sign up for the Thursday, June 24 office hour, follow this [link](#).

To aid in REALD data collection and reporting, be sure to also check out these resources:

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

## Questions?

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