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To: Interested Parties
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Subject: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking – OAR 333-019-1011, "Masking Requirements to Control COVID-19 in Health Care Settings"

The Oregon Health Authority (Authority), Public Health Division is temporarily adopting OAR 333-019-1011 pertaining to the control of COVID-19 in healthcare settings.

This temporary rule is effective August 20, 2021, through February 15, 2022.

OAR 333-019-1011 helps to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 by requiring health care personnel in health care settings and patients, residents, clients, and visitors in most healthcare settings to wear a mask or face covering. The rule is intended to apply to any settings not covered by Oregon Occupational Health and Safety Division (Oregon OSHA) rule, OAR 437-001-0744, or when more restrictive than Oregon OSHA requirements. To the extent any requirement in this rule conflicts with the statewide indoor masking rule in OAR 333-019-1025 and is more restrictive, this rule applies.

People responsible for health care settings and health care personnel must adopt and follow policies requiring that health care personnel wear masks or face coverings while in a health care setting unless they are alone and in a closed room. People responsible for health care settings and health care personnel must also adopt and follow policies requiring that patients, clients, and visitors wear masks or face coverings, with limited exceptions.

A person responsible for a health care setting or health care personnel who violates the rule may be subject to civil penalties of \$500 per day per violation.

For more details, including the definition of health care setting and health care personnel, please see the Temporary Administrative Order, including the Statement of Need and Justification and the full text of the temporary rules at the following website:
www.healthoregon.org/diseasereporting

If you have any questions, please send an email to COVID.19@dhsosha.state.or.us.