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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking – OAR chapter 333, division 62: “Amendment to public pool rules regarding direct adult supervision of children under 14”

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division, Food, Pool and Lodging Health and Safety Program is temporarily amending OAR 333-062-1000 related to adult supervision requirements at lifeguarded pools. **This temporary rulemaking is effective June 22, 2026 through December 18, 2026.** OHA will use the time while the temporary rule is in effect to convene a workgroup to further consider the policy concerns regarding required supervision to create permanent rule language to use statewide moving forward.

There is public concern around OAR 333-062-1000(6)(u), and (6)(w)(N), which specify that lifeguarded pools must have signage identifying that children under the age of 14 years must have direct supervision by a person aged 18 years or older in a general use pool and further requires the pool operator to enforce this requirement.

The temporary rule provides flexibility for pool operators to choose to allow children under 14 years of age to swim without direct supervision.

For more details, please see the Temporary Administrative Order, including the Need and Justification and the full text of the temporary rules at: <http://www.healthoregon.org/pl>.

If you have questions or would like a paper copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, please contact Erica Van Ess at erica.vaness@oha.oregon.gov.

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