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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Notice of Temporary Rulemaking – OAR 333-003-0130, "Designation of
Emergency Health Care Centers"

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Health Security, Preparedness and Response section has temporarily amended OAR 333-003-0130 pertaining to designation of emergency health care centers during an impending public health crisis.

These temporary amendments are effective April 15, 2020 through October 11, 2020.

The amendments to OAR 333-003-0130 make the requirements for requesting designation as an emergency health care center clearer and provide more specificity about what needs to be included in an operations plan and a credentialing plan that must be submitted with the request. This clarification and specificity are necessary to ensure that a facility that is designated as an emergency health care center for COVID-19 positive patients can safely house these patients while protecting the health and safety of facility staff and visitors. The amendments also make it clear that a designated emergency health care center must report certain information to the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, including information about the status of the center and the individuals being served, as specified in the designation order. This clarification for reporting is necessary to ensure that the Division can effectively support and monitor the facility to best prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

For more details please see that Temporary Administrative Order, including the Statement of Need and Justification and the full text of the temporary rule at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREPAREDNESS/PARTNERS/Pages/index.aspx>.

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