

# Action Request Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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**Number:** APD-AR-20-027

**Issue date:** 8/28/2020

**UPDATED #2**

**Topic:** Long Term Care

**Due date:**

**Subject:** Adult Day Services - temporary suspension due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                                | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities    | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                           |   |

**Action required:** Updates to this AR is in red.

APD has extended the temporary suspension of the ADS programs through December 31, 2020 (Updated on 8/26/2020 from previous deadline of May 31, 2020). This end date may be modified as conditions warrant.

APD/AAA case managers may want to review the service plan with the consumer and/or representative, making any adjustments as needed due to the extension of the temporary closure of the adult day service program.

Please note that many ADS providers are currently providing services to participants while they remain in their home or care setting.

**Communication:** The adult day service providers have been sent a notification of the extension until December 31, 2020.

Governor Brown has issued [Executive Order 20-03](#), allowing for state agencies to develop and implement procedures that are in response to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

DHS has directed all Adult Day Service (ADS) programs to temporarily suspend

operations for the time period of March 16, 2020 - April 30, 2020. A copy of this notification is provided at the end of this transmittal. The end date may change as the current situation evolves.

A list of consumers receiving ADS will be sent to each APD/AAA office.

**Communication:** The ADS providers have been directed to share the temporary suspension information with their participants.

Case managers need to also contact ADS participants to ensure they are aware of this change.

**Service Plan Adjustments:**

For an ADS participant, the program is an essential piece of their service plan. The CM must review the service plan with the consumer and other appropriate individuals to determine any necessary changes.

Options may include:

- Home delivered meals
- Increase of in-home service hours provided by HCWs and IHCA's
- Long-term care community nursing (LTCCN)
- Natural supports
- support for families who are providing respite- discussion of Medicaid services
- Additional CM direct contacts
- Contacting ADRC for other local resources

Some service plans may now require exception requests. Please submit as necessary. Exceptions request due to the loss of ADS services will be expedited. Please note in the subject line: "Exception request due to loss of ADS services".

**ADS Reimbursement:**

March reimbursement through the voucher system will be made ending 3/15/2020. Please do not issue vouchers after 3/15/2020 until further notice.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:**

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# Oregon

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**March 12, 2020**

**To:** All Certified Adult Day Service Programs

**Re:** Executive Letter specifying the temporary suspension of Adult Day Services to limit exposure to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Conference Call Announcement: March 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**Dear ADS Providers:**

Oregon has recently seen COVID-19 cases in people without high-risk exposures (i.e., travel to affected regions or contact with known cases). This means COVID-19 has spread into communities in Oregon. Community-wide measures like hand hygiene and staying home when ill are essential to decrease further community spread.

The CDC states that early information out of China shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, and people who are immunocompromised. This policy direction is being implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to some of the most vulnerable community members in Oregon.

Under the authority of [Executive Order 20-03 issued by the Governor on March 8, 2020](#), the Oregon Department of Human Services is issuing the following direction:

**DHS hereby directs all Adult Day Programs to suspend operations for the time period March 16, 2020- April 30, 2020.**

These extraordinary actions are being taken to limit the potential for participants' exposure to novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

*"Assisting People to Become Independent, Healthy and Safe"*

We encourage all providers to monitor the CDC website for information and resources and contact their local health department when needed (CDC Resources for Health Care Facilities:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html>).

## **AUTHORITY**

Governor Brown's [Executive Order 20-03](#) dated March 8, 2020.

### **I. APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all Adult Day Services Programs certified under [OAR 411-066-0015](#). This action is in place until April 30, 2020, with the understanding that guidance from DHS may change as the situation evolves.

### **II. RATIONALE**

DHS is concerned about the risk of a participant or staff unknowingly passing the COVID-19 virus to vulnerable individuals in these congregate settings. When they leave the Adult Day Service Program, participants return home to adult foster homes with older residents as housemates, to family settings and to their own home.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- a. *Suspension* means: Ceasing all Adult Day Service Program-related functions relating to providing services to participants.

### **IV. POLICY**

Effective March 16, 2020 to April 30, 2020, the Department of Human Services directs Adult Day Service programs to suspend operations involving participant services. Adult Day Service Programs should notify participants as soon as possible.

This direction does not apply to administrative tasks and other tasks that may occur in the physical space where the Adult Day Program operates.