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**Topic:** Developmental Disabilities  

**Subject:** Wildfire Evacuations and Pandemic Precautions

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

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}
- Aging and People with Disabilities
- Self Sufficiency Programs
- County DD program managers
- Support Service Brokerage Directors
- ODDS Children’s Residential Services
- Child Welfare Programs
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
- Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
- Other *(please specify)*: Developmental Disability Provider Agencies; Adult and Children Foster Care Providers; Personal Support Workers

### Message:

ODDS understands that Oregon is facing unprecedented emergency events and recognizes the importance of our developmental disabilities services community in providing critical services to many of Oregon’s most vulnerable populations. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be an active threat while communities are finding themselves readying for and evacuating their homes due to wildfires.

With the focus on keeping people safe and the need to move quickly, we are not issuing specific COVID-19 guidance for evacuation settings at this time.

ODDS asks that all providers, including In-Home agencies and Personal Support Workers (PSWs), continue their best efforts in implementing precautionary measures to limit the risk of exposure and outbreak of COVID-19. Wherever and whenever possible, providers are asked to continue to follow ODDS and Public Health-issued COVID-19 guidelines while supporting and sheltering individuals and households.
being relocated due to emergency events, including wildfire-related evacuations.


Providers need to notify the local CDDP when a residential home is evacuating to let them know where the individuals are going, this will help with both county and state level emergency response efforts.

Please review the important guidance from the Oregon Health Authority on what to do if a person needs to evacuate and has also tested positive for COVID-19 or are in quarantine or isolation. Be sure to follow these guidelines: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3257.pdf

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