

Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Subject: Wildfire Evacuations and Pandemic Precautions

Applies to (check all that apply):

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

COVID-19 guidance continues to be posted at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-Information.aspx>.

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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