

Information Memorandum Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

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Subject: COVID-19 Testing for Home Health and Hospice Staff Visiting LTC Facilities

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 | |

Message:

Older adults, especially those living in congregate long term care settings, are vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19. COVID-19 spreads quickly in these settings and can have life threatening consequences for residents. To mitigate this risk, the Governor's Long Term Care Testing Plan requires routine testing for staff and associated staff of these facilities. Home Health Agency and Hospice personnel are considered associated staff of Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) and therefore are subject to COVID-19 testing requirements per the Governor's plan.

Home Health Agency and Hospice organizations are expected to establish a system for COVID-19 testing for their staff who provide services in LTCFs. Home Health and Hospice organizations must work with LTCFs to communicate the results and frequency of testing.

Reimbursement for testing by the Home Health Agency or Hospice organization is not available from the Oregon Health Authority or the Oregon Department of Human Services.

For more information about these requirements, please visit:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/COVID19/Home-Health-COVID-19-Testing-FAQ.pdf>

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