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To: ODDS Staff, CDDPs, Brokerages and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Last week as the number of presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 continued to rise in Oregon, the Governor issued an [Executive Order](#) “Stay Home, Save Lives,” which further restricts non-essential activities. This important Executive Order asks all Oregonians to do their part to keep people safe by staying home.

I understand that it is extremely difficult to be apart from family and friends. However, for the safety of everyone, including people with I/DD and support staff who do critical work, please use video chat or other forms of technology to stay in contact with your loved ones. Providers should do their best to educate people about the risks involved if a person does choose to leave the home right now. We have created a [Powtoon animated video](#) to help explain the Stay at Home order to people with I/DD. Please share this video widely.

If a child is in an ODDS-certified Child Foster Home, a parent or guardian may choose to have their child visit in the family home. Prior to arranging the family visit, the provider, parent and the child’s Services Coordinator should have a conversation about what precautions will be taken in the family home to ensure safety.

We all have the safety and health of our family, friends and loved ones at the top of our minds. Let’s do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and help keep all Oregonians, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Lilia Teninty  
Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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