

An Important Message

Good morning Edwards Center Families!

Lilia Teninty, Oregon's Director of the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services issued a letter last night that I thought you'd want to see. Please see that letter in its entirety below. Lilia and her team have been working around the clock to ensure the people we serve are as safe as possible while still having their rights protected. I feel they've done a remarkable job. We know Lilia and many of her staff well. We've worked together closely for many years. They are not just another government agency; they really are true believers in our mission.

In the meantime, I'm happy to report that we still have not had a diagnosed case of COVID-19 among our residents or staff.

We remain grateful for your partnership,

Allen

"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.

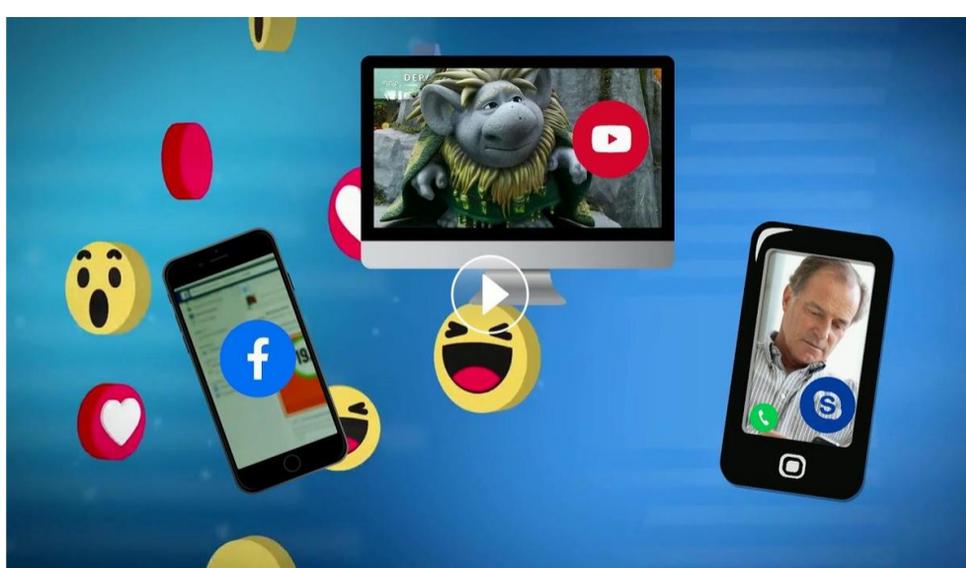
I understand that it is extremely difficult to be apart from family and friends. However, for the safety of everyone, including people with I/DD and support staff who do critical work, please use video chat or other forms of technology to stay in contact with your loved ones. Providers should do their 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"



Animated video from ODDS about "Stay Home, Save Lives" Order

Time With Friends

Sue and Brenda are making the best of the Stay Home, Save Lives order! Here you can see the lovely ladies from our Oak Street home spending some quality time together and embracing their creative side with some coloring books!

We hope you are all finding ways to relax and enjoy the company of the people you share your home with in this time.



Stay Up To Date

We have dedicated a page of the website to keep you up to date on all things related to COVID-19 at Edwards Center.

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We're In This Together

In these uncertain times, our highest priority is the health and wellbeing of all Edwards Center participants and staff as we work hard to get back to business as usual. We are dedicated to high-quality communication and welcome any questions at any time.

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