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To: I/DD community members, Tribal partners and ODDS staff
From: Anna S. Lansky, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
Subject: Guidance on end of masking requirement

The [requirement to wear masks in Oregon's health care settings ends April 3](#). The state will no longer require workers, patients and visitors to wear masks.

This change affects Oregon's intellectual and development disabilities (I/DD) services.

- All who work and provide services in Oregon's I/DD system, such as providers and case management entities' (CME) staff members will not be required to wear masks on April 3.
- Your families, representatives and visitors will no longer be required to wear masks on April 3.
- This applies to all I/DD settings.

For people who receive services

- After April 3, you still have the right to require your providers and support team to wear masks around you.
- If you ask a provider or someone on your support team to wear a mask around you, they must.
- This flyer may help you talk to your support workers about this: [Arabic](#), [English](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Simplified Chinese](#) and [Vietnamese](#).
- You may ask visitors or others in your home to wear a mask, but the decision is up to them. If you need support, work with your family, friends and providers.

- If you are sick, please consider wearing a mask to protect others.
- If you have questions, ask your personal agent or services coordinator.

For people who provide services

This includes all employees in Oregon's I/DD system. This includes all service providers, licensers and contractors. This includes anyone directly hired by individuals.

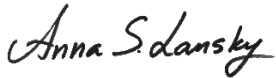
- Before these requirements take effect, ask the people you support whether they want you to keep wearing a mask after April 3.
- You must follow the requests of those you serve and their families or representatives.
- If you are sick, please stay home until you are better.
- If you get COVID-19, contact your health care provider and follow their recommended timelines for isolation, quarantine and masking.
- If any resident or employee is sick with something contagious, such as COVID-19, flu or a respiratory illness, staff should continue to follow standard precautions to reduce the spread of illness.
- Employers and providers may still choose to require masks of their employees.
- Please review [ODDS' March 23 transmittal](#) for specific policies, rules and guidance.

Thanks for respecting the wishes of those you serve. If you have questions, please ask your managers or email ODDS.questions@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Resources for more information

- [ODDS COVID-19 resources](#)
- [ODDS PHE unwinding webinars](#) on April 25, May 4 and June 1
- [Updated ODDS COVID-19 guide](#)
- [Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 updates and resources](#)
- OHDS' and OHA's [COVID-19 Public Health Recommendation for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Older Adults and People with Underlying Health Conditions](#)
- [Vaccination and booster shot information](#)

Sincerely,



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