



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Human Services

*Aging and People with Disabilities*

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**March 12, 2020**

**To:** All Certified Adult Day Service Programs

**Re:** Executive Letter specifying the temporary suspension of Adult Day Services to limit exposure to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Conference Call Announcement: March 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**Dear ADS Providers:**

Oregon has recently seen COVID-19 cases in people without high-risk exposures (i.e., travel to affected regions or contact with known cases). This means COVID-19 has spread into communities in Oregon. Community-wide measures like hand hygiene and staying home when ill are essential to decrease further community spread.

The CDC states that early information out of China shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, and people who are immunocompromised. This policy direction is being implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to some of the most vulnerable community members in Oregon.

Under the authority of [Executive Order 20-03 issued by the Governor on March 8, 2020](#), the Oregon Department of Human Services is issuing the following direction:

**DHS hereby directs all Adult Day Programs to suspend operations for the time period March 16, 2020- April 30, 2020.**

These extraordinary actions are being taken to limit the potential for participants' exposure to novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We encourage all providers to monitor the CDC website for information and resources and contact their local health department when needed (CDC Resources for Health Care Facilities:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html>).

## **AUTHORITY**

Governor Brown's [Executive Order 20-03](#) dated March 8, 2020.

### **I. APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all Adult Day Services Programs certified under [OAR 411-066-0015](#). This action is in place until April 30, 2020, with the understanding that guidance from DHS may change as the situation evolves.

### **II. RATIONALE**

DHS is concerned about the risk of a participant or staff unknowingly passing the COVID-19 virus to vulnerable individuals in these congregate settings. When they leave the Adult Day Service Program, participants return home to adult foster homes with older residents as housemates, to family settings and to their own home.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- a. *Suspension* means: Ceasing all Adult Day Service Program-related functions relating to providing services to participants.

### **IV. POLICY**

Effective March 16, 2020 to April 30, 2020, the Department of Human Services directs Adult Day Service programs to suspend operations involving participant services. Adult Day Service Programs should notify participants as soon as possible.

This direction does not apply to administrative tasks and other tasks that may occur in the physical space where the Adult Day Program operates.

**V. SUPPORT**

DHS is reviewing options to possibly provide a reimbursement for the time in which DHS has directed Adult Day Service providers to close. DHS will communicate a final decision as soon as possible.

A conference call to discuss this executive letter will take place on:

**Date:** Friday, March 13, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Conf Line:** 503-934-1400  
**Access Code:** 94589451#

This policy will be updated as additional information is released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Health Authority.

It is so ordered that this executive letter is in effect from March 16, 2020 to April 30, 2020, unless modified via a subsequent executive letter.



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