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To: All Health Systems Division Licensed Adult Foster Home Providers

From: Cissie Bollinger, Licensing and Certification Interim Manager

Subject: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential to providing care and services safely and preventing the spread of COVID-19. Licensees should continue to purchase PPE using their current suppliers. In the event that a licensee is having difficulty obtaining PPE or will run out of PPE prior to receiving a shipment from their supplier, the licensee should work with their local county emergency managers to obtain PPE.

Please use the link below to identify and contact the appropriate emergency manager in the county that the AFH is located.

https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/locals_list.pdf

Oregon has recently seen an increase in COVID-19 cases in people without high-risk exposures (i.e., travel to affected regions or contact with known cases). Community-wide measures like hand hygiene, wearing a mask or face covering when in public, and staying home unless absolutely necessary are essential to decrease further community spread. The CDC indicates that some people are at higher risk of getting COVID-19, including people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, and people who are immunocompromised. This information is being shared to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to some of the most vulnerable community members in Oregon.

If you have any questions, please email us at: OHA.LC@dhsoshs.state.or.us