



Oregon

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Updates to COVID-19 Requirements and Recommendations

Dear provider,

As Oregon continues to place a focus on COVID-19 prevention, the Early Learning Division (ELD), in coordination with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), has updated its [Child Care Provider COVID-19 Requirements and Recommendations](#), effective November 9, 2022. This guidance document can be found on the [COVID Resources](#) page on our website.

Some key updates to COVID-19 guidance include:

- Removal of requirement to quarantine if exposed and not symptomatic. Providers are still required to exclude any child or staff who has COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.
- Removal of requirement to notify Local Public Health Authority for every COVID-19 case. Instead, providers will be required to report elevated levels of absenteeism due to respiratory illness.
- Added recommendation: When returning to care after an isolation, individuals 2 years and older should mask for an additional five days. Individuals who cannot or do not wear a mask should continue to be excluded for an additional five days, for a total of 10 days.
- Updated vaccine and booster recommendations.

Child care providers are still required to follow COVID-19 and communicable disease exclusion rules and have a written communicable disease management plan that must include:

- Policies and procedures for notifying Local Public Health Authority, families and others of potential exposure
- A protocol for exclusion of individuals consistent with Oregon Health Authority rules
- A protocol to end program activities if cases warrant or if recommended by the Oregon Health Authority or Local Public Health Authority
- A designated COVID-19 point of contact. All staff and families must be provided the contact information for the COVID-19 point of contact.

For questions about COVID-19, please contact your [Local Public Health Authority](#) or email OHA at COVID.19@dhsosha.state.or.us. Additionally, you can contact the Office of Child Care at 1-800-556-6616 or email ProviderContact@state.or.us. Providers are also encouraged to subscribe to [ELD's Child Care Update e-newsletter](#) for the latest information.

Thank you,

The Early Learning Division