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To: All Nursing Facility Providers
All Assisted Living Providers
All Residential Care Providers

From: ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
Population Health Quality Improvement Section

**Subject: Updated Masking Guidance within Healthcare Settings
Effective April 3, 2023**

Effective April 3, 2023, the Oregon Health Authority is rescinding the requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-1011 related to masking in health care settings, including long-term care facilities. Please note that CDC and CMS continue to have guidance related to masking to prevent respiratory illness, particularly after known exposure, infection or in outbreak scenarios.

Please refer to updated guidance for details: [Interim Summary of Long-Term Care Facility Infection Control Policies for COVID-19 and Other Respiratory Pathogens](#). Masking-related updates can be found starting on page 4.

If you have regulatory questions, please contact your licensing team:

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