

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **Hiring on a Preliminary Basis Process due to COVID-19**

As a temporary measure to address potential staffing shortages and challenges in Adult Foster Homes, fingerprint requirements for all staff, contractors and volunteers are suspended until further notice.

Adult Foster Home Providers may hire a caregiver or other staff member following receipt of a preliminary fitness determination according to the background check rules. A subject individual (SI) who is hired on a preliminary basis during this state of emergency may be hired to work alone with limited supervision. Supervision does NOT need to be in the same building or within sight at this time, however, observe the SI periodically and know what the SI is doing by other means of communication such as via phone, text, Facetime as needed. Licensees are still responsible for the conduct and training of their staff per OAR 411-050-0735(9)(a).

These additional measures are in place until further notice from the Department.

For any additional questions, please email APD.AFHTeam@dhsosha.state.or.us