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ALTSA: AFH #2020-040 INFECTION PREVENTION TRAINING FOR ADULT FAMILY HOME PROVIDERS

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

This letter has been updated with a new link to the Washington Adult Family Home Infection Prevention and Control Collaborative website, which allows interested participants to access all of the educational training sessions, PowerPoint presentations, tools and resources made available through this collaborative via the through the Comagine Health Infection Prevention Learning Center.

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services recognizes the unprecedented challenges faced by adult family homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to support your efforts to prevent and manage COVID-19 outbreaks within your homes, we are excited to make these educational materials available to licensed adult family home providers and their staff free of charge through Comagine Health.

This initiative also provides the opportunity to receive personalized consultation from infection prevention experts and nursing professionals. Biweekly virtual sessions will continue through December 16, but you can also ask infection prevention and control questions anytime by emailing Comagine Health at infectionpreventionadvisor@comagine.org. An Infection Prevention Advisor/RN will respond to your questions and help resolve any other challenges that you may have.

Comagine Health is a non-profit healthcare consulting company and the Medicare Quality Innovation Network, Quality Improvement Organization serving Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, and Washington. For more than 20 years they have worked with healthcare organizations on quality improvement and patient safety initiatives.

Please visit the website at https://comagine.org/program/infection-prevention-control/washington. We encourage all Washington adult family homes to take advantage of the resources and supports through this collaborative.

For questions about this project, please contact Libby Wagner, Adult Family Home Policy Program Manager, at (253) 234-6061 or libby.wagner@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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