



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

November 13, 2020
Amended November 20, 2020

AL TSA: AFH #2020-059
COVID-19 PROCLAMATIONS EXTENDED UNTIL 11:59 P.M. DECEMBER 7, 2020

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

This letter has been updated with new information regarding which regulations are currently suspended. The updated information is found at the bottom of this page.

On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee declared a state of emergency for Washington State related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Since then, the Governor issued a number of proclamations related to long-term care facilities. Many of the proclamations were scheduled to expire at midnight on November 10, 2020.

On November 9, 2020, at Governor Inslee's request, the leadership in the Washington State Legislature extended the end date of 26 Governor Proclamations until 11:59 p.m. December 7, 2020. These proclamations include several related to Assisted Living Facilities (ALF), Adult Family Homes (AFH), Enhanced Services Facilities (ESF), Nursing Homes (NH), Certified Community Residential Service and Supports (CCRSS), and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). Not every proclamation applies to every care setting. The following proclamations (related to long-term care) were extended:

- 20-29.9 Telemedicine
- 20-32.9 DOH Healthcare Worker Licensing
- 20-44.8 NH Transfer or Discharge / Cohorting Residents
- 20-65.3 COVID-19: Long Term Care – Workers, Facilities, and Resources
 - 20-10 Long-Term Care Workers
 - 20-18 Suspension of licensing visits, fingerprint waiver, NH staffing waivers
 - 20-37.7 NH Nurse Aide – Registered Waiver
 - 20-38.7 Facility construction related waivers (NH and ALF)
 - 20-52.8 An extension for several previous proclamations
- 20-66.3 COVID-19: Long Term Care – Operations and Visitation
 - 20-06 Proclamation by the Governor Amending 20-05
 - 20-10 Long-Term Care Workers
 - 20-16 Restricting visitation at facilities, and training and certification requirements in Chapter 388-112A WAC.
 - 20-18 Suspension of licensing visits, fingerprint waiver, NH staffing waivers
 - 20-52.8 An extension for several previous proclamations

To see the details of these proclamations, use this link: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>.

UPDATED INFORMATION:

WAC [388-76-10401](#) (Home and community-based setting requirements) was suspended in the previous proclamations in its entirety. On November 9, when the legislature extended Governor's Proclamation 20-66, this included suspending this entire section. However, when Governor Inslee updated and issued Proclamation 20-66.3, the section was partially reinstated, with the exception of subsections (1)(b) and (1)(f). Adult family homes must comply with the requirements in WAC 388-76-10401, except:

- Choice of roommates: Homes may assign roommates to a bedroom based on their COVID-19 infection status or their level of risk. Homes must still make reasonable attempts to accommodate resident preference as required in WAC 388-76-10685, unless this would affect their risk of developing COVID-19.

Dear AFH Provider: COVID Proclamations Extended
November 13, 2020
Page 2

- Having visitors at any time: Homes must follow the current restrictions on visitation. Once the restriction is lifted, homes will be required to follow the [Safe Start for Long-Term Care Plan](#) visitation guidelines.

RCW 70.129.140 (3)(e) and (5)(a) (Quality of life – Rights) were reinstated by Governor’s Proclamation 20-66.3. Subsections (2)(b), (3) (a)-(d) and (f), (4), and (5)(b) of the same section are still suspended.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact the RCS Policy Unit at rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

DSHS: “Transforming Lives”