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TO: Agency Directors and Weatherization Coordinators **FROM:** Steve Divan, Weatherization Program Coordinator

RE: Removal of COVID 19 Field Restrictions

DATE: June 30, 2021

Greetings,

With the Governors declaration that COVID restrictions are rescinded, effective immediately, Agency COVID field protocols are no longer required when working with clients. Precautions will still be an allowable H&S expense when needed for clients who are concerned about COVID exposure or for immune compromised individuals. It is at the discretion of each local agency as to the scope of precautions used on a case-by-case basis. Additional costs for PPE and time associated with Infectious disease protections are still an allowable H&S expense. Costs associated with COVID safety protocols must be tracked as H&S- COVID in OPUS. When safety protocols are utilized, a signed and dated checklist is no longer necessary. However, the contractors' invoice must detail what precautions were taken.

WAP program removal of COVID restrictions does not apply to any OSHA COVID requirements. Agencies and contractors should be aware of any OSHA rules and follow them as accordingly.

As there will be clients that will be uncomfortable with close contact with crews/agency staff, Deferral of these projects are allowed until the client is comfortable with weatherization being completed.

Deferral due to infectious disease:

- 1. Agencies will allow clients to defer weatherization due to any infectious disease concerns without penalty.
- 2. Vulnerable/High-risk clients may be deferred until conditions are safe for a home visit.
- 3. When the client is ready for work to proceed, the job shall be moved to the top of the que for completion of work.

Training requirement: Agency staff are no longer required to complete the COVID -19 workplace safety training. However, the training is still available. The training can be reached here.



If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0979.

Best regards,

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