

Why was this facility selected?

Pacific Health and Rehabilitation in Tigard was selected as one of two current emergency health care centers because it is:

- A stand-alone facility, allowing for patients to be fully quarantined while they recover from COVID-19;
- It is located within a county that has had one of the state's highest infection rates and, as such, there is high demand for this care;
- It could accommodate at least 50 individuals and has additional capacity. It was also able to make this capacity available quickly.

Were past compliance issues considered in the selection process including the facility's current CMS rating?

Pacific Health and Rehabilitation does not have any current licensing concerns. It addressed issues raised in its 2019 inspection survey within the first revisit and has not had a substantiated abuse finding since 2018. The rating provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is based on the state inspection survey, to which the facility had an opportunity to respond and address with operational improvements made before its reinspection in September 2019.

What will be the oversight of the facility in providing care as an emergency health care center?

State oversight will be provided through its current license as a nursing facility and its requirements to meet both state and federal regulations.

In addition, the state has a staffing agreement with the facility. While the facility has capacity for 112 beds, the agreement is for 50 beds.

How are decisions made about who receives care at this facility?

Decisions about how this care resource will be used are to be made by the Department of Human Services in collaboration with the state's Emergency Coordination Center. *Ultimately, where an individual receives care is up to that individual.*

Emergency health care centers are intended to:

- Support long-term care facilities in crisis with rising infections;
- Care for residents of facilities with only a few cases of the virus to reduce the chance that others could be exposed; and,
- Provide hospitalized COVID-19 patients with a place to recover before returning to the long-term care facility where they live.

All decisions will ultimately be made to meet an individual's care needs and their choice. The dedicated facilities provide a much-needed option for individuals and the state to manage COVID-19 positive cases in a manner that prevents additional exposure at long-term care facilities.