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News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JULY 10, 2020

Blue Print for Adult Services: On Tuesday July 7, the Blue Print for Adult and Employment service workgroup met for the first time since its opening meeting in January. The 2-hour, virtual meeting was primarily a recap of the summary of the group's work in January and establishment of time-frames to move forward. The charge of this group is to set forth recommendations to Director Davis for improvements that will help stabilize and align the day array support sector. Given the complications of the COVID crisis, the work being done in this group will be more important than ever, establishing rules, rates and structure that will support person-centered, quality services while our system is still reeling and recovering from the COVID Crisis.

Click here to read the meeting documents and provide feedback to Scott at smarks@opra.org. We will discuss these further at next week's policy and day service committee meetings.

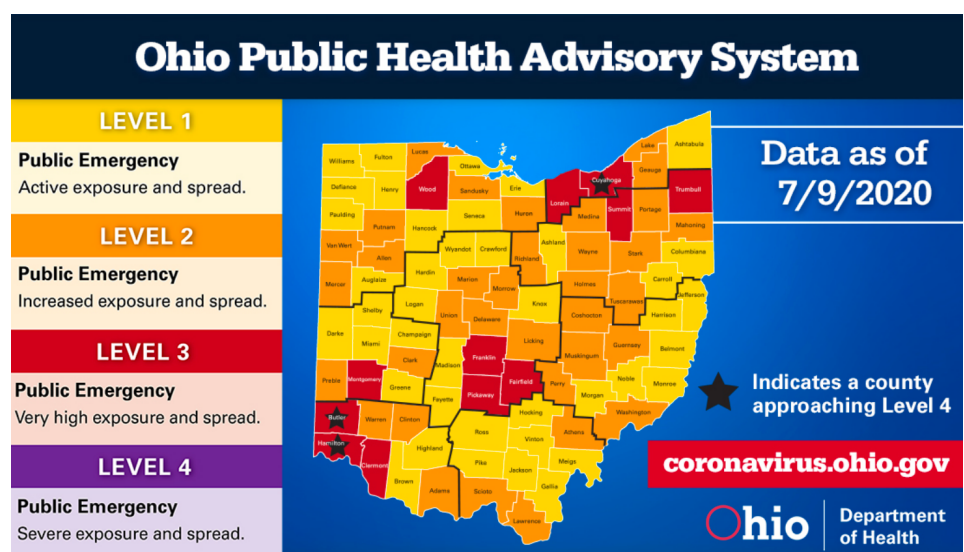
HHS/HRSA Webinar: On Wednesday, the HHS and HRSA hosted a joint webinar addressing several participant-submitted questions about the Provider Relief Fund portal for Medicaid and CHIP providers. While there was not too much new information, the application date was confirmed to be July 20, clearing up previous conflicting dates. HHS also released a new fact sheet, outlining key application points, eligibility factors and attestation process, [which can be found here.](#)

Health Advisory Alert System: Last week Governor Mike DeWine introduced a new county, color-coded map to indicate areas where COVID-19 cases are increasing. People in level 3 counties will be required to wear face coverings when in public areas. As of Thursday the following counties have been designated a level 3; Butler, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Montgomery, Pickaway, Summit, Trumbull, and Wood. [To read more about the health advisory system, click here.](#)

OPRA Training Workshops: OPRA is offering two online training opportunities in the coming weeks.

-Click here to learn more about and register for 'Healthy Meal Planning for DSPs and the People They Support' on July 20 from 9 am to 12 pm facilitated by Sara Sherman.

-Click here to learn more about and register for 'Creating an Internal Compliance System' on July 23, 2020 from 9 am to 12pm.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: The Department's weekly roundup of memos included information and 'advocating for people with developmental disabilities in nursing homes', updated ICF guidance (updated from last week's published guidance), Reset and Restart Education Guide for Ohio Schools, Materials from the Trauma-informed care summit and the STEP codes which are now available for authorization in MSS. [To Read memo monday, click here.](#)

Foundations for Success: "Foundations for Success, formerly called Back to Basics, is a collaborative training series that aims to provide essential information regarding Adult Day Support in relation to community engagement with valued social roles, as well as resources to assist providers in developing/enhancing successful service delivery systems. The sessions offered July 14 and July 16 are sold out so two additional training sessions are being offered on July 28th and 30th."

[To register for the July 28th training, click here.](#)

[To register for the July 30th training, click here.](#)

OOD Virtual Hiring Events: Per the release from OOD: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is hosting Virtual Hiring Events in several areas throughout Ohio! Interviews will be held in 20-minute increments, and OOD job seekers may participate in multiple interviews. The Virtual Hiring Events will take place through individual Microsoft Teams Meetings for up to five employers hiring in the following areas: Athens – July 29, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Dayton – August 5, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Akron – August 12, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Youngstown – August 19, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Lima – August 26, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Providers may be requested to assist OOD job seekers with preparation activities to support their participation, and providers may participate in the interviews, if necessary. A Candidate Preparation Session video and accompanying resource guide will be posted on the OOD website by July 15. We will provide you with a link to that training when it's published. Job Developers are strongly encouraged to view the video and review the resource guide in advance of the interviews if they will be assisting."

Upcoming Events

[7/13: OPRA Policy Committee Meeting](#)

[7/16: OPRA Day Service/Employment Service Committee Meeting](#)

News and Resources

["DeWine expects to drain Ohio's rainy day fund to balance budget"](#)

["Medicaid enrollment increase puts pressure on state budgets"](#)

[OPRA PPE Resource Page](#)

[Disability Scoop: "Netflix To Debut Autism Dating Show"](#)



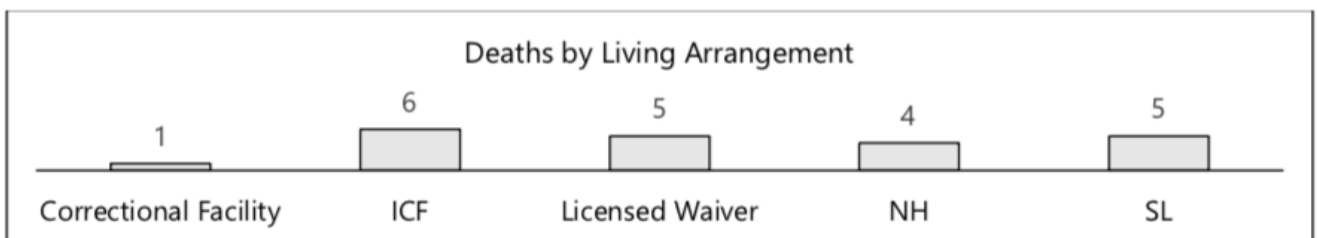
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COVID-19 MUI Updates July 10, 2020

The Department provides the following MUI updates based on COVID-19 related unanticipated hospitalizations and/or deaths. This data is not all inclusive and is updated daily from the Incident Tracking System. It does not include information about people who are suspected of having COVID-19 but not hospitalized, those who tested positive but not hospitalized, people living with their families and those who are hospitalized when there is no provider present at time of hospitalization and COVID testing.

Summary:

- In Ohio, we have had 21 people die of COVID-19.
- The average age of the person who died was 60 years old.
- A total of 11 counties and 1 DC have reported COVID-19 deaths. The 21 deaths were reported in Belmont (1), Clark (1), Cuyahoga (1) Franklin (3), Hamilton (2), Lucas (4), Mahoning (1), Miami (1), NODC (4), Perry (1), Warren (1) and Wayne (1).



- A total of 449 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 6 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.
- A breakdown of testing results of the 449 people follows:
 - 312 people tested negative
 - 6 people have pending tests results
 - 131 people tested positive.
- Males accounted for 62% of those tested and females 38%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 2 to 88 years. The average age was 54 years.
- 59 counties and 3 developmental centers reported COVID related MUIs.
- Cuyahoga had the most people hospitalized and tested with 64 followed by Franklin with 62. Cuyahoga county had the most people who have tested positive with 30 followed by Franklin with 21.
- Twenty-two counties and 1 DC have reported individuals with positive results (131). Those include Belmont, Butler, Carroll, Clark, Cuyahoga, Darke, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Licking, Lucas, Mahoning, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Perry, Pickaway, Portage, Scioto, Summit, Warren, Wayne and Northwest Ohio DC).