

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

AUGUST 14, 2020

FFCRA: On Monday, a court in New York struck down a key FFCRA provision regarding Enhanced Paid Sick Leave and FMLA. Our partners at Vorys joined us on this morning's call to discuss the implications of the New York decision to vacate the definition of 'health care worker' for purposes of FMLA exclusion going forward. As of now, there is still much that is uncertain about the impact of this decision Nationwide, but we will continue to work with our partners to develop guidance for providers as well as coordinate potential advocacy strategies for this very important issue for DD providers. [To read more about the decision, click here](#), and please reach out to Christine at Ctouville@opra.org with any questions you may have.

OSHA Requirements: We have talked for the past few weeks about The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the requirements around PPE, especially 95-style respirators for staff who are working with people who have tested positive for COVID. It is important that providers review and understand these requirements and pursue good faith efforts to enact them, understanding in many cases, N95s are difficult to impossible to obtain. OPRA will be working with DODD and system partners to build capacity for the necessary PPE required to care for people who have tested positive for COVID. Please review these links below for several important documents to help navigate this issue.

[CDC/NIOSH-Approved N95 Respirators](#)
[FDA List of approved Respirators \(including KN95\)](#)
[Fitting Medical Respirators Instructional Video from 3M](#)
[Performing a Seal Check When Donning an N95 Mask](#)
[OSHA Respirator Fit Test Instructional](#)
[OSHA Reporting Requirements for Hospitalized Staff](#)
[DODD Long-Term Services and Supports \(LTSS\) Pre-Surge Planning Toolkit](#)

Blueprint: On Tuesday, DODD's 'Blueprint' workgroup met to further recommendations for Ohio's adult and employment array service system. The meeting was mostly focused on discussion and consensus-making around a 'future scenario' for what the adult service array system may look like in 2025 in order to help give focus and direction to the group's work. The workgroup will begin meeting in smaller sub-committees to dive into specific topic areas such as transportation, funding, quality & governance, work & non-work services, and communication. [Click here to read the future scenarios as they were discussed in the meeting](#). Please email Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions.,

PPE Project: As part of our ongoing efforts to help ensure members have all the resources necessary to take on COVID infections if they occur, we engaged with system partners on a PPE study to help determine the capacity and need for protective equipment for providers. We have updated our PPE resource page with new vendors and new information from ODH on different methods to obtain and exchange PPE. Given the ongoing conversations around OSHA and safety standards, we hope these resources will be of use to you as you coordinate and develop your PPE inventory and strategy. [Click here to visit OPRA's PPE resource page](#).



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD news contained updates regarding the Statewide Support Teams, Outcome-Tracking System and updated ICF Invoices, as well as several more memos. [Click here to read Memo Monday.](#)

HHS Provider Relief: Earlier this week, The HHS and HRSA hosted another webinar on the new and streamlined provider relief portal. If you were a Medicare provider that had previously been locked out of the Medicaid release, you can now apply for funds that would make up the difference of what you would have received if you got funds through the Medicaid release. [You should be able to apply through the Provider Relief Fund Application and Attestation Portal here.](#) HHS has also uploaded a [new FAQ, which can be found here](#) and hopefully addresses outstanding questions you may have.

We Step Up Videos: Over the past few weeks, we have been introducing OPRA's 'We Step Up' campaign to bring awareness to the essential work being done by disability providers throughout the pandemic. This campaign is meant to highlight all the ways that disability providers and the people they employ and support have acted in heroic ways, keeping each other safe, healthy, active and engaged while dealing with Covid-19. We hope this campaign will help our communities and legislative partners recognize how vital disability services have been and will continue to be, mobilizing the support needed for legislative, regulatory and fiscal relief necessary to continue providing quality services. [To read OPRA's 1- Pager for 'Making Memorable 'We Step Up' Videos' for your agency, click here.](#)



WE STEP UP!

Upcoming Events

[8/17: OPRA Training Workshop:
How Intolerance Leads to Business
Disaster](#)

[8/19: OPRA Residential Waiver
& ICF Committee Meetings](#)

News and Resources

["Coronavirus in Ohio Friday update: 1,131 new cases, 29 additional deaths"](#)

[Disability Scoop: "Ed Department Accused Of
Diverting Funds From Students With
Disabilities"](#)

[OPRA PPE Resource Page](#)

["Advocates say disability community is 'left
behind' in Senate relief package"](#)



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DODD COVID-19 MUI Updates: This week, Scott Phillips provided us with another update on the impact of COVID-19 on people in the Ohio DD service system, based on reported MUIs.

As of August 14, 2020:

- There were 635 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 30 new hospitalizations with COVID testing since the last report, which was issued on Friday, August 7, 2020.
- A total of 643 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 8 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.
- There were 65 counties and 3 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs.
- Cuyahoga had the most people hospitalized and tested with 94 followed by Franklin with 79.
- Cuyahoga county had the most people who tested positive with 43 followed by Franklin with 27.
- A breakdown of testing results of the 643 people follows:
 - 427 (66%) people tested negative
 - 10 (2%) people have pending tests results
 - 206 (32%) people tested positive. Twelve additional people tested positive since August 7, 2020.

Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60% of those tested and females 40%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 2 to 91 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common age was 61 years.
- The breakdown of people tested by race include:
 - Black or African American-16% (41% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (57% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (47% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 77% (28% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- Thirty-four (5.0%) people died of COVID-19 of the 643 reported. This is an increase of 4 more confirmed deaths since last week's report.
- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (34) and the total people served (94,980) is .036.
- The average age of the person who died was 62 years old.
- A total of 15 counties and 1 DC have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Lucas county had the highest number of deaths reported with 6. A breakdown of deaths by county board and developmental centers follows:

