

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

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**Appendix K Payments:** We received confirmation from DODD that payments to residential service providers resulting from Ohio's Appendix K application to CMS will be released today, September 18th. We want to thank our partners at DODD and the Ohio Department of Medicaid for making this relief payment possible to providers of HPC, OS/OC and Ohio Shared Living. The payment should reflect roughly 10% of billing claims made from March through July. Providers should expect to receive the released payment early-mid next week.

**HPC Rate Increase Confirmed for 2021:** In a joint statement released by DODD and OACB last night, Ohio's county boards of DD have agreed to fund the HPC rate increase scheduled to go into effect January of 2021. Although these rates were approved in the previous Biennium budget, the current state budget shortfall, due to the pandemic, potentially jeopardized the ability to implement the rate increase. We thank our county board partners for ensuring the rate increase, meant to continue an increase in wages to DSPs and frontline staff statewide. [To read the joint announcement, click here.](#)

**HB 606:** Earlier this week, Governor DeWine signed into law Ohio House Bill 606, protecting essential businesses and workers from civil liability resulting from the transmission of COVID-19. This is a bill that OPRA has been involved in and supported for several months, providing language and testimony of support and has been an advocacy priority during the pandemic. We hope this legislation will give members some peace of mind as you continue to work tirelessly to keep your staff and the people you support healthy and safe. [To read more about HB 606, click here.](#)

**ICF Indoor Visitation Guidance:** DODD has updated their draft guidance regarding indoor visitation in ICF settings. The draft guidance would allow providers to begin indoor visitation after September 28th, pending changes to standing order from ODH. The guidance allows providers to enact a visitation policy, taking into account the necessary environmental precautions as well as weighing the potential risk to residents and visitors before allowing any visit. [To read the draft guidance, click here.](#) Please reach out to Pete at Pmoore@Opra.org with any questions or feedback.

**FFCRA:** This past week, the US Department of Labor responded to a court decision in New York, nullifying DOL's previous definition of Health Care Provider in regards to the enhanced family leave provisions of the Family First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA). This new definition significantly narrows the type of employee who can be exempted from EFMLA to staff that provide diagnostic, preventative, treatment and integrated services necessary for 'patient care'. While we currently believe this revised definition will likely cover DSPs and direct service staff, we are working with our policy and legal partners to better establish exactly what this new definition means for disability service providers and the ability to utilize the exemption to retain necessary staff. As we further analyze the definition, we will plan to host an in-depth member call or webinar to further to discuss the full implication of this ruling and new definition. [To read more, click here.](#) Please reach out to Christine at Ctouville@opra.org with any questions.



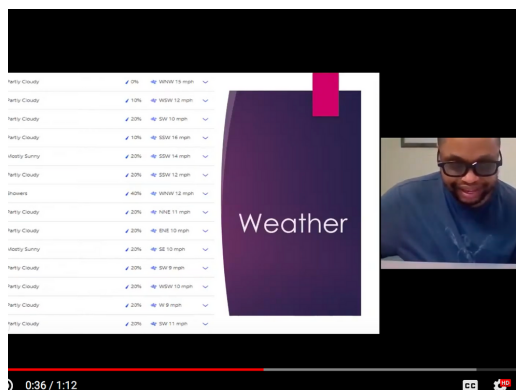
# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**OPRA Fall Conference:** Registration is live for OPRA's Virtual Fall Conference, which will be held on October 28th and 29th. We are excited to bring you the sessions, vendors and good times you expect from an OPRA conference in this safe, online environment. Please visit our [Training & Events page](#) to learn more and register for the fall conference! Please contact Melissa at [Mfannon@opra.org](mailto:Mfannon@opra.org) with any questions you may have.

**Memo Monday:** This week's roundup of DODD news contained many updates including 'Dr Laura's Medical Moment: The Flu and You, which we referenced on the morning's call, as well as DODD's new, streamlined and reorganized Covid-19 Resource page and several other updates/memos . [To read Memo Monday, click here.](#)

**Happy DSP Recognition Week!:** As this week of celebrating Direct Support Professionals comes to a close, we at OPRA want to thank all of the direct support professionals and frontline staff that make such a difference in the lives of the people we support. We hope this has been a special week and we appreciate all of the members who included us in the celebration of their amazing staff!!!



## Upcoming Events

**9/22: DODD 2020 Virtual Transformation Summit - Day Two**

**9/22: Foundations for Success: Supporting Personal Well-Being - September 22, 2020**

## News and Resources

**"319 coronavirus cases reported in Ohio schools"**

**"Hopes Fade For Coronavirus Relief For People With Disabilities"**

**OPRA Updated COVID-19 Toolkit**

**"Target, Disney Expand Costume Options For Those With Special Needs"**



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The following Covid-19 Impact data comes via Scott Phillips, Ass. Deputy Director-MUI, DODD

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
486	2	246	734

- 246 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 5 additional positives since the 9/11 report.
- 47 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There was 1 additional death reported since the 9/11 report.
- There were 722 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 23 since the 9/11 report.
- A total of 734 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 12 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

#### Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers

- There are 68 counties and 3 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs (CADC, GDC and NODC).
- Cuyahoga had the most people hospitalized and tested with 108 followed by Franklin with 95.
- Cuyahoga county had the most people who have tested positive with 48 followed by Franklin with 34.

#### Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59% of those tested and females 41%.
- 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% (38% positive testing rate)
- Other Race -2% (50% positive testing rate)
- Unknown-5% (46% positive testing rate)
- White/Caucasian 76% (31% positive testing rate)

#### COVID-19 Deaths:

- Forty-seven (6%) people died of COVID-19 of the 734 reported.
- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (47) and the total people served (94,980) is .049.
- The average age of the person who died was 63 years old.
- A total of 21 counties and 1 DC have reported COVID-19 deaths. A breakdown of deaths by county boards and developmental centers follows:

County or DC	Count
Allen	1
Belmont	1
Butler	1
Clark	1
Cuyahoga	6
Franklin	5
Hamilton	3
Lake	1
Lucas	8
Mahoning	1
Miami	1
Montgomery	3
NODC	4
Ottawa	2
Perry	1
Richland	1
Scioto	1
Stark	1
Summit	1
Tuscarawas	1
Warren	1
Wayne	2
Grand Total (21 Counties and 1 DC)	47

Arrangement	Count
Correctional Facility	1
ICF	16
Licensed Waiver	8
Nursing Facility	7
Supported Living	15
Grand Total	47



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## OPRA PAC Virtual Golf Outing October 4th-10th, 2020

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### Option #1

#### Play Your Own Course

Pick your favorite course and golf with your friends.  
Take a picture of your team and send us your score.

We are requesting a \$75 donation per player.

### 3 Ways to Play

#### Option #2

#### Play at Urbana CC

Play at Urbana Country Club (space is limited)  
Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tee times will be reserved, lunch will be included.  
\$150 per golfer



### Option #3

#### Simply Donate and Watch TV

Don't play at all and support the OPRA PAC.  
Send us a picture of your non-golf activity.  
We are requesting a \$75 donation per person.

For those of you choosing Option 1 or 3, please make your personal check payable to OPRA PAC and send it c/o Pete Thompson, 1152 Goodale Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43212

For those of you choosing Option 2 you can pay on-site at the Urbana Country Club (4761 US-36, Urbana, OH 43078)

The following health and safety precautions will be followed at the Urbana CC:

- Scorecard results will be returned by mobile texting only.
- Single carts available upon request. All carts are sanitized prior to use.
- Individual lunch boxes will be prepared by masked and gloved Urbana CC staff.
- Social distancing is required. A mask is required in Clubhouse and where appropriate.

[Click here to learn more and Register!](#)

