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ICF Visitation Phase 1: Following Governor DeWine's announcement yesterday that Ohio will be lifting the prohibition placed on in-person nursing home visitation, [DODD released additional guidance](#) indicating that ICF providers may begin visitation this Monday, September 28th. The guidance outlines the steps a provider must take to inform residents and visitors of potential risks, as well as infection mitigation practices that must be taken. In addition to the guidance and allowance of indoor visitation, DODD also just released a risk/benefit discussion guide for teams discussing the safety of residents engaging in outings and activities outside of the ICF. [All of the guidance can be found on DODD's website here.](#)



Acuity C Rate: Earlier this week, the Ohio Association of County Boards released a memo stating that the acuity C rate model for adult & vocational services provided during the pandemic would be extended through December 31, 2020. We are appreciative of our county board partners and DODD for the stability this 3-month extension provides as we work towards solutions to safely expand adult service options. The 'Core Committee' tasked with developing reopening guidelines last Spring will be reconvening in October to discuss and make recommendations for 2021 and beyond. Please contact Scott at smarks@opra.org with any questions.

Federal Update: Following the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, we will be watching the areas in which she made an impact, including issues of disability rights (see news article on next page). Ginsburg's passing immediately impacts upcoming Supreme Court cases involving the Affordable Care Act, [some of the possible implications can be found here.](#) Although Washington will be focused on the Senate battle over Ginsburg's replacement on the Supreme Court, there has also been some unexpected movement on [another COVID relief bill, potentially being brought to the floor next week by the House of Representatives.](#) OPRA will keep watch of these developments and work with our federal partners to continue advocating for further relief legislation.

HB 763: On Wednesday, [House Bill 763 was introduced](#) into the Ohio House of Representatives, intending to terminate the governor's executive order that declared a state of emergency. We are watching this bill as DODD's relaxations to their rules are tied to this executive order and ending it could possibly force trigger a reversion back to certain pre-pandemic service delivery requirements before the system is ready. The Governor has announced he would veto the bill, were it to make it to his desk.

Renewal Certification: Due emergency-related measures within CMS, DODD will be extending the certification date for any providers due for renewal during the next few months. Providers with an upcoming renewal should have received notification from DODD on their revised renewal date.



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 with any questions you may have.

Provider Relief Reporting – [Last week HHS released additional reporting requirements](#) for recipients that were paid more than \$10,000 of Provider Relief Funds in the aggregate. There is a significant amount of information being requested, so it will be important to review thoroughly and keep accurate spending documentation. We have some very talented accounting associate members of OPRA and we would be happy to connect you to them if you would like more formal assistance with your tracking. Please email Christine at Ctouvelle@opra.org with any questions.

CMS HCBS RFI: Last week the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [released a request for information](#) from stakeholders that “seeks public input on a draft set of recommended quality measures for Medicaid-funded home and community-based services (HCBS). This RFI seeks feedback on the potential benefits of and challenges that could result from a nationally available set of recommended quality measures for voluntary use by states, managed care organizations, and other entities engaged in the administration and/or delivery of HCBS.” We are going through that and possibly working on some feedback from the provider perspective.

We Step Up at Ability Works: We want to thank all of the members who are sending great 'We Step Up' videos! This week's video shows how Ability Works has helped people get back into the community activities and jobs they love! [Click here to learn more about creating your own 'We Step Up' Video.](#)



Upcoming Events

10/1: OPRA Day Array Committee
9:30 AM

9/29: DODD - Foundations for Success: Supporting Personal Well-Being

News and Resources

"Ohio to allow indoor visits at nursing homes again amid ongoing COVID pandemic"

"Ginsburg Remembered For Impact On Disability Rights"

"9 Ohio counties now on coronavirus red alert"

OPRA COVID-19 Toolkit



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

As of September 25, 2020:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
502	0	251	753

- 251 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 5 additional positives since the 9/18 report.
- 53 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 6 additional deaths reported since the 9/18 report.
- There were 740 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 18 since the 9/18 report.
- A total of 753 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 13 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 111 followed by Franklin with 99.
- Cuyahoga county had the most people who have tested positive with 49 followed by Franklin with 34.

Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59% of those tested and females 41%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 91 years. The average age was 53 years. The most common age was 61 years.
- The breakdown of people tested by race include:
- Black or African American-16% (37% positive testing rate)
- Other Race -2% (53% positive testing rate)
- Unknown-5% (47% positive testing rate)
- White/Caucasian 76% (31% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- Fifty-three (7%) people died of COVID-19 of the 753 reported.
- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (53) and the total people served (94,980) is .055.
- The average age of the person who died was 63 years old.
- A total of 22 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	4
Lake	1
Lucas	9
Mahoning	1
Miami	1
Montgomery	4
NODC	4
Ottawa	2
Perry	1
Preble	1
Richland	1
Scioto	1
Stark	1
Summit	2
Tuscarawas	1
Warren	1
Wayne	3
Grand Total (22 Counties and 1 DC)	53

Arrangement	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	1
ICF	19
Licensed Waiver	8
Nursing Facility	8
Supported Living	16
Grand Total	53



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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. 9th
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!](#)

