

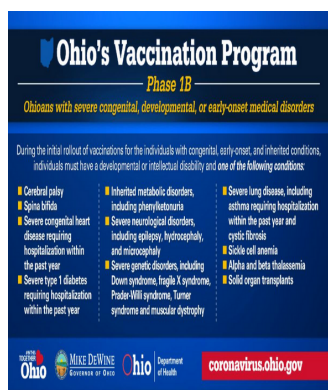
# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JANUARY 22, 2021

**American Rescue Plan:** Earlier this week, President Biden introduced the outline for a \$1.9 Trillion COVID relief bill, designated the "American Rescue Plan". The proposal includes funding for a national vaccination program, an extension and expansion of unemployment insurance, individual stimulus checks starting at \$1,400, as well as funding for small businesses impacted by the pandemic. Notably, the proposal does also include the introduction of a \$15 minimum wage, without corresponding Medicaid increases. It is uncertain how the politics will start to play out and whether this plank will actually be included in any introduced legislation. We are working closely with our national partners, as well as reaching out to our Federal delegation to monitor and develop advocacy strategies if/as this provision advances into proposed legislation. [To read more about President Biden's relief proposal, click here.](#)

**Frontline Forum:** Earlier this week, DODD held their first "Frontline Forum", which was focused on introducing DSPs to the upcoming Ohio Single Plan. DODD reps provided preliminary information on how DSPs will be able to access their individuals' ISP through a web or app-based portal. Additionally, Dr. Laura Sorg joined to talk more about the vaccine and answered questions regarding safety and effectiveness. Next meeting is 4/21 from 6-7:30pm to give opportunities for staff on other shifts to participate. Please contact Rachel at Rhayes@opra.org with any questions.



**Vaccine Info:** Earlier this week, Governor DeWine provided additional information about expected timelines associated with phase 1B. Despite this new information, we are aware that members' experience with vaccine distribution has varied widely depending on what county/area you provide service. If you are still unsure about scheduling vaccines for those you support, we have seen members have success in contacting their health department or other local officials directly in order to have questions answered and hopefully get a process started. [To read the latest DODD guidance regarding phase 1B, as well as a series of Q &A's, click here.](#)

**BEST:** We received word from DODD this week that the Basic Employment Skills Training service, which had been scheduled for implementation in October of 2021 has been postponed indefinitely. The department noted that the work put into developing the pre-vocational service, which had been developed to replace the current Vocational Habilitation service, will be incorporated into the Blueprint work on day and vocational services.

**DD Day:** We are very excited to once again help host and administer this year's DD Awareness & Advocacy Day. Due to COVID, the event will be held entirely online this year, with a virtual presentation ceremony and zoom meetings with legislators. Although like so many things, this year's event will look different, we are still looking forward to a great day of connecting Ohioans with disabilities to their elected officials to tell their story and share the issues most important to them. [Registration is open for the event here.](#)



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** DODD's weekly roundup included information on the Business Intelligence Resource Center launching this month, the appendix K extension and communication protocol for those enrolled in waiver managed care. [To read this week's Memo Monday, click here.](#)

**Fatal 5 Webinar:** Our partners at ANCOR will be holding a webinar focused on the "top five conditions plus 2 additional conditions linked to the highest preventable death of people with IDD in residential care settings, and those who are aging. The curriculum focuses on understanding, recognizing, and preventing these common conditions. This session is intended for direct support professionals, or any team manager that provides direct care." The fee for ANCOR members is \$49 and \$59 for non-members. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

**Workforce Success Measures:** OOD and OSU are looking for feedback on the Workforce Success Measures dashboard, specifically on how to make the dashboard more accessible for job-seekers with disabilities. [To learn more and take the WSM survey, click here.](#)

**EVV:** The Ohio Department of Medicaid will be holding an EVV stakeholder advisory meeting next week on 1/27. [To learn more or register, click here.](#)

**CALL FOR SPEAKERS:** As mentioned on the morning call, this year's Spring Conference will once again be held virtually. We look forward to the day when we can get together in person, but in the meantime we are looking for great speakers, presentations and topics! If you are interested in presenting a session at the Spring Conference, [please visit our speaker form here!!!](#)



## Upcoming Events

**1/27: OPRA Training Workshop:  
HIPAA 6-Part Series-Day 3**

**1/28: Ohio-Tech-Ambassador-  
Kickoff-Event**

## News and Resources

**"Coronavirus in Ohio Thursday update: 7,271  
new cases, 109 additional deaths"**

**"Disability Discrimination In Health Care Under  
Scrutiny"**

**"Biden to sign two executive orders on Covid  
economic relief, worker protections"**

**OPRA COVID-19 Resources**



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The following data is shared with us from DODD showing the impact of COVID-19 on Ohio's DD system.

As of January 15, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
732	15	849	1,596

- 849 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 38 additional positives since the 1/8 report.
- 146 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 28 additional confirmed deaths since the 1/8 report.
- There were 1,546 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 42 since the 1/8 report.
- A total of 1,596 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 50 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

#### Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 81 counties and 8 developmental centers with COVID related MUIs (CADC, CDC, GDC, TDC, MVDC, SODC, WDC and NODC).
- Franklin had the most people hospitalized and tested with 202 followed by Cuyahoga with 181.
- Franklin had the most people who tested positive at 101 people followed by Cuyahoga with 96.

#### Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.70% of those tested and females 39.30%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common age was 61 years.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
  - Black or African American-15% (56% positive testing rate)
  - Other Race -2% (55% positive testing rate)
  - Unknown-5% (53% positive testing rate)
  - White/Caucasian 78% (53% positive testing rate)

#### COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (146) and the total people served (94,890) is 0.153%.
- The ages of those who passed away range from 20-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 62 years old.
- A total of 42 counties and 3 DCs have reported COVID-19 deaths.

Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	16
ICF	48
Licensed Waiver	14
Nursing Facility	20
Supported Living	47
Grand Total	146

County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count
Allen	3
Ashtabula	3
Belmont	1
Butler	3
CDC	1
Champaign	1
Clark	4
Clermont	2
Coshocton	3
Cuyahoga	10
Delaware	2
Franklin	14
Greene	1
Hamilton	5
Hardin	1
Henry	1
Holmes	1
Lake	5
Licking	5
Lorain	1
Lucas	1
Mahoning	1
Marion	1
Miami	1
Montgomery	8
Muskingum	1
NODC	4
Ottawa	5
Perry	2
Pickaway	2
Preble	1
Richland	3
Sandusky	1
Scioto	1
Seneca	1
Stark	9
Summit	4
TDC	1
Trumbull	3
Tuscarawas	3
Warren	4
Wayne	4
Williams	1
Wood	3
Wyandot	1
Grand Total (42 Counties and 3 DCs)	146

Living Arrangement/COVID	Count
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