

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

MARCH 19, 2021

**Budget Coalition:** We met with our budget coalition of OACB, OHCA and the Arc earlier this week to continue our discussions on advocacy priorities and strategies as the budget process moves forward. Though there was not much movement on the budget front this week, we began discussions with our partners around the enhanced FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage), a provision of the American Rescue Plan. There are still many uncertainties around how the 10% FMAP bump can be applied to state Medicaid funding, and the OPRA team is working on several scenarios and strategies for how the increase can potentially be used. The House leadership is currently in process of organizing all of the amendments and reaching out to house members to gauge amendment priorities. We have heard that a Sub-bill may be introduced in early April, but at this point timelines are still unclear. With Spring Break around the corner, this could be a great time to reach out to your local legislator or potentially schedule a visit to your agency. Please reach out Christine at [Ctouvelle@opra.org](mailto:Ctouvelle@opra.org) with any questions about advocating for OPRA's budget priorities.

**Adult Day Revised Order:** Yesterday, Director McCloud of ODH signed an updated version of the order regarding adult day group sizes. The previous version had a bullet in the final section (9) saying anyone who had been in potential contact with a positive case should quarantine for 14 days, which seemed inconsistent with previous orders and current guidance from CDC and ODH. This new, revised order, which went into effect yesterday, instead directs agencies to contact their health dept. and work with them on next steps, but does not outline the need for a 14-day quarantine for someone who was potentially exposed. [You can read the revised order here.](#)

**Blueprint:** The Blueprint workgroup has been on pause since October of 2020, but will regroup for the first time since the fall next week on March 25th. We have already provided feedback to the blueprint group through several surveys DODD set up to gather comments. In addition, we have made a request to DODD to fast-track 3 Blueprint items to hopefully coincide with any policy changes resulting from this budget cycle. Those items are the long-term continuance of STEP-style services, and rate adjustments on both group and individual employment. We look forward to advancing those priorities in next week's meeting. [To learn more about the Blueprint group, click here.](#)

**Surveys Resuming:** As licensure and certification surveys begin to resume, as we have mentioned on our Friday calls, make sure you have your emergency preparedness and infection control policies/procedures updated and that your staff know what those policies/procedures are. Please contact Rachel at [Rhayes@opra.org](mailto:Rhayes@opra.org) with any questions or feedback.

**Awaiting Visitation Guidance:** We continue to see trend-lines for Covid moving downward. Long term care facilities reported 70 new cases this week compared to 157 the previous week, vs at the peak in December when LTCF's reported 2,832 new weekly cases. DODD is still working on updated guidance regarding visitation, attempting to align with [ever-changing guidance from CMS](#). For right now, they continue to encourage the use of the Risk/Benefit Guide if someone is going for a visit – and to make sure that vaccinations or lack of vaccination is part of the team discussion.



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** This week's roundup of DODD memos included information about the extension of the expiration dates on BinaxNOW Antibody tests, important information about the Nurse Aid Registry which we discussed on last Friday's member call, plus additional training offerings on choking prevention, EVV and several other training opportunities. [To read Memo Monday, click here.](#)

**ADVANCE Leadership training-** We want to thank and acknowledge Board Chair Jamie Steele and this year's class of ADVANCE leadership participants. Pete had the opportunity to present during this week session on 'servant leadership'. We want to take the chance to acknowledge all of the amazing leaders in our provider community who continue to do great things and have stepped up to lead their organizations through the struggles of the past year.

**VORYS ON-Call Webinar:** Yesterday, our partners at Vorys hosted another 'On-call' webinar, highlighting many important business and legal issues related to the pandemic. We believe there are important items for members including Insurance, OSHA and other health care considerations. [To access the webinar, click here.](#)

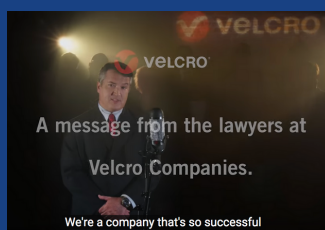
**Day/Employment Committee:** Thanks to everyone who attended and participated in yesterday's Day/Employment committee meeting, we had a great discussion on training regarding Positive behavior support and the types of programs or trainings or trainers members use, as well as reviewed all of the live polling we had conducted last month on vaccinations, enrollment and where members are at during this time. Finally, We also hosted Beth Stephens and Jay Burns from OOD who provided updates on the provider portal and upcoming rule changes that they will be working through the employment committee for feedback on.

**Velcro Coalition:** This week, in collaboration with OACB and DODD, we held the first quarterly meeting of the 'velcro coalition', bringing back together the providers and counties who worked together on the 'provider support pilots' to share promising practices, resources and ideas to build trust and collaboration between system partners. To learn more, or if you would like to attend the next meeting on June 16th, please contact Scott at [smarks@opra.org](mailto:smarks@opra.org).

## Upcoming Events

[3/22: DODD DD Awareness Month Event](#)

[3/24: HIPAA Spring Six Part Training Series - Session 2](#)



## News and Resources

["50 cases per 100k tracker: Where Ohio stands as we approach Spring"](#)

["Ohio COVID-19 maps: More counties drop to orange, yellow alert levels"](#)

["COVID-19 Cases Plummet Among Those With IDD Who Are Offered Vaccines"](#)

[OPRA COVID-19 Resources](#)



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### As of March 19, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
808	24	1,004	1,836

- 1,004 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 5 additional positives since the 3/12 report.
- 222 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 6 additional confirmed deaths since the 3/12 report.
- There were 1,750 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 9 since the 3/12 report.
- A total of 1,836 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 86 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

### Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 85 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 232 followed by Cuyahoga with 204.
- Franklin had the most people who tested positive at 118 people followed by Cuyahoga with 110.

### Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.19% of those tested and females 39.81%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 55 years. The most common ages are 59, 61, and 63 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% (49% positive testing rate)
- White/Caucasian 78% (55% positive testing rate)

### COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (222) and the total people served (94,890) is 0.23%.
- The ages of those who passed away range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 61 years old.
- A total of 53 counties and 3 DCs have reported COVID-19 deaths.

County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count	County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count
Adams	1	Lorain	3
Allen	4	Lucas	16
Ashtabula	3	Mahoning	2
Belmont	1	Marion	1
Butler	6	Miami	1
Carroll	1	Montgomery	10
CDC	1	Muskingum	1
Champaign	1	NODC	4
Clark	6	Ottawa	9
Clermont	4	Perry	3
Clinton	1	Pickaway	2
Coshocton	4	Preble	2
Cuyahoga	13	Richland	5
Darke	1	Ross	1
Delaware	2	Sandusky	6
Fairfield	2	Scioto	2
Franklin	20	Seneca	1
Gallia	3	Stark	15
Geauga	1	Summit	6
Greene	1	TDC	1
Hamilton	12	Trumbull	5
Hardin	1	Tuscarawas	3
Henry	1	Vinton	1
Holmes	1	Warren	6
Jefferson	1	Wayne	4
Lake	6	Williams	1
Lawrence	1	Wood	3
Licking	7	Wyandot	2
Grand Total 222			
Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths		Count	
Correctional Facility		1	
Family		33	
ICF		68	
Licensed Waiver		20	
Nursing Facility		28	
Supported Living		72	
Grand Total		222	

The Department provides the following weekly MUI updates based on COVID-19 related unanticipated hospitalizations and/or deaths entered into the Incident Tracking System. This data is not all inclusive. It does not include information about people who were suspected of having COVID-19 but not hospitalized, those who tested positive but were not hospitalized, people living with their families who were hospitalized when there was no provider present at time of hospitalization and COVID tested. For additional information and guidance, please visit [DODD COVID-19 Resources](#).

