

# OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

JUNE 25, 2021

**Workforce Task Force:** A sub-committee of the Workforce Crisis Task Force met this week to review the survey data intended to illuminate the areas of the state where the workforce crisis is at its worst emergency-levels. The survey study, completed by many providers, individuals and families, indicated approximately 25-30 counties where those regions are facing an especially acute emergency staffing situation. This data will help DODD and system partners direct resources, support and potential intervention to those areas. The sub-group and the larger WCTF will meet again next week to develop resources for those 'hot spot' areas. [Click here to download the draft data presentation from the 'Hot Spots' meeting.](#) Please reach out to [Pete](#) with any questions about the task force.

**OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard:** We spoke at length on last week's Friday zoom about the recent Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) issued by OSHA 2 weeks ago. We were hoping more clarification around the applicability of the ETS to disability services and how/when the ETS impacted member services, especially considering Ohio's lifting of state public health orders on June 2nd, would be released this week. Additional materials published to the Federal register this week further lead us to believe that the standard likely applies to most residential settings and possibly adult/vocational settings, depending on whether any supports provided would be considered 'health care services'. [The ETS and corresponding OSHA guidance can all be found here.](#) Please contact [Scott](#) with any questions about the OSHA ETS.

**OISP Implementation:** The workgroup developing a statewide, universal individual service plan (ISP) and assessment met last week. After many discussion about the time-frames for implementation for statewide use of the single plan, [DODD laid out this timeline](#), with testing currently in place for early adopting counties, with a goal of full implementation and statewide usage by Fall of 2023. Please reach out to [Scott](#) or [Rachel](#) with any questions about the Ohio Single Plan.

**ODH Presentation:** Pete and Rachel recently had the opportunity to present to a group of new ODH surveyors about the work of ICFs and how to positively work together on surveys. This provided a great opportunity for OPRA to represent the providers we serve by presenting ways we can 'Bridge the Gap' between surveyors and providers. However, this training provided a real opportunity for engagement with ODH, whose survey process has at times presented challenges. We are hopeful this presentation will continue to build on OPRA's relationship with ODH and help us develop strategies to support each other for the most collaborative and successful survey processes.

**Congratulations Tom!** The OPRA team would like to thank and congratulate Tom Weaver on his retirement from Choices in Community Living, where he has served as Executive Director. His experience, leadership and calm and steady approach to the work has set the tone for many other leaders in our field and he has been a staple of the OPRA community. We also would like to congratulate Trent Grooms, who will take on the Executive Director role at Choices. Congratulations, Tom! Enjoy your retirement!!!

"We used to tell the clients where they would go, now they tell us!"



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday:** This week's DODD roundup included memo regarding HPC transportation on the SELF waiver, Ohio RISE and the OISP implementation. [Click here to read Memo Monday.](#)

**Town Hall Tuesday:** We will be holding our re-scheduled Town Hall Tuesday next week on Tuesday, June 29th at 8:30am, covering the upcoming changes to the Provider Certification rules. We will be going through the proposed changes, timelines and training updates. [To register for Town Hall Tuesday, click here.](#)

**Speaker Proposals:** OPRA is now accepting session proposals in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) for the 2021 Fall Conference, November 4 – 5, at Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio. As you already know, the OPRA Conference is THE place to network, engage around the latest issues facing providers, find resources to benefit your organization and learn from first-rate speakers. [If you are interested in speaking, click here to learn more!](#)



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The poster for OPRA Summer Training features the OPRA logo at the top left and a woman sitting at a desk working on a laptop on the right. The text 'REGISTER TODAY!' is in the top right corner. The training schedule is listed below.

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**Summer Training**

- June 23 - 24: Frontline Supervisor Training
- June 24: HIPAA 3 Part Series Part I
- July 8: HIPAA 3 Part Series Part II
- July 15: HIPAA 3 Part Series Part III
- July 19-23: Joint Leadership Conference
- July 29: Tolerance for Your CEO & Organization
- August 5: Overcoming Implicit Bias in the age of George Floyd

Register at: [www.opra.org](http://www.opra.org)

Questions? Contact Melissa Fannon, Events Manager [mfannon@opra.org](mailto:mfannon@opra.org)

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## Upcoming Events

[7/1: OPRA Day Array Committee](#)

[7/8: HIPAA 3 Part Series: Part II](#)

## News and Resources

["Coronavirus in Ohio Thursday update: 303 new cases reported"](#)

["Ohio Medicaid provider data may have been breached in cybersecurity incident"](#)

["'Better Care Better Jobs Act' Seeks Permanent FMAP Bump, Higher Wages for HCBS Workers"](#)

["U.S. senators reach deal on infrastructure framework, will brief Biden"](#)



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As of June 25, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
915	1	1,056	1,972

- 1,056 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an increase of 0 additional positives since the 6/18 report.
- 234 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There was 1 additional confirmed death since the 6/18 report.
- There were 1,881 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an increase of 7 since the 6/18 report.
- A total of 1,972 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 91 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 242 followed by Cuyahoga with 214.
- Franklin had the most people who tested positive at 122 people followed by Cuyahoga with 118.

### Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.24% of those tested and females 39.76%.
- 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% (56% positive testing rate)
  - Unknown-5% (48% positive testing rate)
  - White/Caucasian 78% (54% positive testing rate)

### COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (234) and the total people served (94,890) is 0.246%.
- The ages of those who died range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 62 years old.
- A total of 53 counties and 3 DCs (CDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 21.

### COVID Related Deaths:

County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count	County or DC with COVID Deaths	Count
Adams	1	Lorain	4
Allen	4	Lucas	16
Ashtabula	3	Mahoning	2
Belmont	1	Marion	1
Butler	6	Miami	1
Carroll	1	Montgomery	10
CDC	2	Muskingum	1
Champaign	1	NODC	4
Clark	6	Ottawa	9
Clermont	4	Perry	4
Clinton	1	Pickaway	2
Coshocton	4	Preble	3
Cuyahoga	15	Richland	6
Darke	1	Ross	1
Delaware	2	Sandusky	6
Fairfield	2	Scioto	2
Franklin	21	Seneca	1
Gallia	3	Stark	15
Geauga	1	Summit	8
Greene	1	TDC	1
Hamilton	13	Trumbull	5
Hardin	1	Tuscarawas	4
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 234			

Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	37
ICF	71
Licensed Waiver	20
Nursing Facility	29
Supported Living	76
Grand Total	234



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SMP4003	Vinyl Exam Glove, Powder Free (PF), Medium, 100/bx, 10 bx/cs	\$ 5.76	Box
SMP4004	Vinyl Exam Glove, Powder Free (PF), Large, 100/bx, 10 bx/cs	\$ 5.76	Box
SMP4005	Vinyl Exam Glove, Powder Free (PF), XLarge, 100/bx, 10 bx/cs	\$ 5.76	Box