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Vaccination Mandates: Since [President Biden's announcement last week](#), we have been following closely the development of upcoming rules from OSHA and CMS, implementing the proposed mandates. Early signs indicate the Medicaid requirements may not apply to HCBS services, but that is still uncertain until those rules are developed next month. We understand the dire staffing impact of these proposed mandates and will continue to pursue every opportunity to communicate those concerns. Our partners at Vorys have graciously agreed to join us for a Town-Hall Tuesday next week to discuss OSHA and the vaccine requirements as we currently understand them. Zoom calendar invitations for next week's THT went out to the membership via the OPRA Listserv today

Legislative Meetings: The OPRA advocacy team met with Rep. Scott Lipps and Sen. Mark Romanchuk earlier this week to advance the distribution of ARPA funds, which will require some legislative action, as well as to continue discussions on solutions to the workforce crisis. The OPRA team will continue to engage legislators and build our network of 'champions', [especially as the newly drawn district maps](#) may significantly alter the congressional makeup, affecting some of our key allies.

Federal Advocacy: A key committee in the House released their plans for the budget reconciliation process and, instead of the \$400B investment included in President Biden's initial Build Back Better agenda, the committee has only allocated \$190B for HCBS services. [Click here to review the letter we will be sending to our Senators urging them to support HCBS programming](#) throughout the budget reconciliation process. We are looking for Members to sign on to the letter, so if you are interested in being listed, please let me know by the end of the next week. Additionally, you can send a message directly to your Representatives and Senators through [ANCOR's Amplifier](#). Select the first campaign on the list and you will be taken to a page where you can customize and send a message.

Provider Relief Fund: Late last week, [the HHS and HRSA released information on several updates regarding provider relief funding](#). The main highlight was the next (and possibly final) tranche of the PRF. This tranche will be available to all of the same providers in the third tranche and, very importantly, is open to both providers who have not received any PRF money and those who have. The application for the funds will open on September 29th and will only be open for 4 weeks.

HHS and HRSA are planning on having a few informational webinars right after the application opens and registration for those will be posted soon. HHS and HRSA will also be posting documents to help get you started on the application soon. Funding would likely be released starting in mid-December.

OISP: The workgroup for Ohio's Statewide Individual Service Plan met earlier this week to continue looking towards the statewide rollout of the plan and assessment. Due to delays in the development of the IT platform for the OISP, Salesforce, the full implementation timeline will continue to be delayed until security and cross-platform communication are finalized. Though the livechat scheduled for this morning was canceled, DODD will be holding regional OISP support sessions starting next week.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: This week's roundup of DODD communications included information on upcoming Charting the LifeCourse trainings, OISP Regional support gatherings, ACL DIAL Vaccine Webinar, OhioRise draft rules and more! [Click here to read Memo Monday.](#)

Day & Employment Live Polling: Thanks and apologies to all of those who participated in yesterday's live polling at the day & employment service committee meeting. Since so many of you were locked out of the polling, [we've recreated the survey, which can be completed here.](#) We apologize for anyone not able to participate in the surveying during the meeting!



HIPAA On-Demand! By member request, help is here for fulfilling staff training requirements under HIPAA!

[Click here to reserve the spots you need](#) to train employees virtually -- any time, anywhere with this all-new on-demand offering. This 40-minute course offers a convenient way for you to meet HIPAA mandates, both for training existing employees and new hires.

DSP Recognition Week: We so enjoyed spending this week celebrating the amazing, hard-working, dedicated Direct Support Professionals working in Ohio's DD system. Happy DSP Recognition Week!



Upcoming Events

[9/20-9/29: DODD OISP Regional Support Events](#)

[9/29: HIPAA Fall 2021 Six Part Training Series Session 3: Essentials for Overseeing of IT Security](#)

News and Resources

["Over 8,400 new COVID-19 cases reported in Ohio Friday"](#)

["Ohio AG joins states demanding President Biden drop vaccine mandate or risk legal action"](#)

["COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates Could Impact Services For Those With IDD"](#)

["FDA panel approves Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shots only for people 65 and older or at high risk"](#)



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As of September 17, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
980	2	1,140	2,122

- 1,140 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. This is an **increase of 17 additional positives** since the 9/10 report.
- 242 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There **were 0 additional confirmed deaths** since the 9/10 report.
- There were 2,027 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19, which resulted in a MUI filing. This is an **increase of 25** since the 9/10 report.
- A total of 2,122 COVID-19 reportable MUIs were filed as 95 individuals were never hospitalized but it was later determined their cause of death was COVID-19.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 86 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 248 followed by Cuyahoga with 223.
- Franklin and Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 125.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.28% of those tested and females 39.72%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 61.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
 - Black or African American-15% (55% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (50% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 78% (54% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (242) and the total people served (94,890) is 0.255%.
- 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 56 counties and 3 DCs (CDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 22.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DC with COVID Deaths							
Adams	1	Fairfield	2	Lucas	17	Sandusky	6
Allen	4	Franklin	22	Mahoning	2	Scioto	2
Ashtabula	3	Fulton	1	Marion	1	Seneca	1
Belmont	1	Gallia	3	Miami	1	Stark	15
Butler	6	Geauga	1	Montgomery	10	Summit	9
Carroll	1	Greene	2	Morrow	1	TDC	1
CDC	2	Hamilton	13	Muskingum	1	Trumbull	5
Champaign	1	Hardin	1	NODC	4	Tuscarawas	4
Clark	6	Henry	1	Ottawa	9	Vinton	1
Clermont	4	Holmes	1	Perry	4	Warren	6
Clinton	1	Jefferson	1	Pickaway	2	Wayne	4
Coshocton	4	Lake	6	Portage	1	Williams	1
Cuyahoga	16	Lawrence	1	Preble	3	Wood	3
Darke	1	Licking	7	Richland	6	Wyandot	2
Delaware	2	Lorain	4	Ross	1	Grand Total	242

Living Arrangement/COVID Deaths	Count
Correctional Facility	1
Family	39
ICF	71
Licensed Waiver	21
Nursing Facility	30
Supported Living	80
Grand Total	242

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](#).



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