

OPRA FRIDAY FIVE

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

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Vaccine Mandates: We continue to watch the status of the vaccine mandates as we move towards the proposed implementation dates from CMS and OSHA. After the legal challenge to the OSHA mandate was moved to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals (here in Cincinnati), OSHA published on their website that they would be 'suspending implementation' of the mandate until the courts have reached a verdict on its legality. We still encourage members who believe they may fall under the OSHA mandate to review the rule and begin to develop policy accordingly until we have a further idea of its legal status. Although there is a coalition of states that have begun a legal challenge to the CMS mandate, that proposed rule moves forward, and appears less likely to be 'stayed' by any court, given CMS' broad authority to regulate agencies under 'conditions of participation'. There are still many uncertainties about how the CMS mandate will be implemented and enforced, and we are still awaiting interpretive guidelines that will help clarify. Currently, our position remains that the mandate not only applies to ICFs, but to contracting partners and the facilities where they provide active treatment to ICF residents. We continue to advocate and educate our state and federal partners about the potential catastrophic staffing impacts of the proposed mandates. [Please click here to download the presentation shared in yesterday's Day & Employment service committee](#), which includes OPRA-developed 1-page fact sheets, a flow chart of applicability developed by Vorys and information on how to obtain policy templates for both OSHA (provided by OSHA) and CMS (through consultation with our partners at [Vorys](#)). Please contact any member of the OPRA team with any questions or further feedback.

On-Site/On-Call: Yesterday the OSOC team met as [the tool was put through IT testing](#) over the last week. During this testing they noticed a couple bugs which could be corrected by simply adding a question. So we're going to get that fixed and then we should be good to go. The plan for is for SSAs to complete the assessment for where needed within 3 months, following DODD training in December. Please contact [Rachel](#) with any questions.

Emergency Plans: [Recently DODD shared information about an emergency planning procedure developed by OPRA members.](#)

We are working on putting together a webinar in early December on the emergency plan with the provider and county board to talk about how they developed the plan, how they use the plan, the benefits of a plan like this, and how your teams may use the plan. The webinar will be recorded and can be accessed at your convenience once published.



Build Back Better: This morning, in a nearly party-line vote, the US House of Representatives passed the [Build Back Better act](#), President Biden's 'human infrastructure' bill. Though the bill still faces a tough road in the Senate, the passed version in the house includes items such as an additional \$150B investment in HCBS services, as well as a 6% FMAP increase over the next 10 years. The bill also includes previously mentioned grant programs dependent on states' and businesses' transition away from the use 14(c) certificates. We will keep members apprised as the bill works through the Senate.



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 the on-going OISP regional support sessions, input opportunities for continued Appendix K flexibility and a number of new training opportunities in 2022. [Click here to read memo Monday.](#)



The flyer features the OPRA logo (Ohio Provider Resource Association Training) in the top left. The main title 'ONLINE TRAINING' is in large white letters on a teal background. Below this, two training sessions are listed: one on December 3 from 10 am to 11 am titled 'PHLY Risk Management Services Fall OPRA 2021 WEBINAR FREE TO MEMBERS' with the Philadelphia Insurance Companies logo, and another on December 8 from 1 pm to 4 pm titled 'Retention and Culture Workshop' with the blitz logo. The workshop includes two bullet points: 'Make simple changes to your onboarding program so new staff aren't overwhelmed' and 'Nurture your culture for free and do it despite not having enough time'. The website 'WWW.OPRA.ORG' is in a blue box at the bottom right.

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Upcoming Events

11/23: OPRA ICF Committee
Vaccine Mandate Discussion

11/25: Happy Thanksgiving!

News and Resources

"Coronavirus in Ohio Friday update: 6,429 new cases, 250 additional deaths"

"Who is eligible to get a COVID-19 booster in Ohio?"

"Butler County No. 1 in state for vaccinations among those with developmental disabilities"

"Biden Names Pick For Special Education Chief"



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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](#). Thank you.

As of November 19, 2021:

COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,043	2	1,275	2,320

- 1,275 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **20 additional positives** since the 11/12 report.
- There were **24 additional hospitalizations** since the 11/12 report. This is a total of 2,201 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,320 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 119 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 280 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **5 additional confirmed deaths** since the 11/12 report.

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 253 followed by Cuyahoga with 234.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 135 and Franklin had 130.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 60.% of those tested and females 40.%.
- 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% (56% 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 (280) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.2829%.
- The ages of those who died range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 61 years old.
- A total of 67 counties and 3 DCs (CDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 23.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Fulton	1	Meigs	1	Summit	11
Allen	5	Gallia	3	Miami	2	TDC	1
Ashtabula	3	Geauga	1	Montgomery	12	Trumbull	6
Athens	2	Greene	2	Morgan	1	Tuscarawas	5
Belmont	1	Hamilton	14	Morrow	1	Vinton	1
Brown	1	Hardin	1	Muskingum	1	Warren	6
Butler	6	Henry	1	NODC	4	Wayne	4
Carroll	1	Highland	2	Ottawa	9	Williams	1
CDC	2	Holmes	1	Perry	4	Wood	4
Champaign	1	Jefferson	1	Pickaway	2	Wyandot	2
Clark	6	Knox	2	Pike	1	Grand Total	280
Clermont	5	Lake	6	Portage	1		
Clinton	1	Lawrence	1	Preble	3		
Coshocton	5	Licking	7	Richland	7		
Cuyahoga	17	Logan	1	Ross	1		
Darke	1	Lorain	4	Sandusky	6		
Delaware	4	Lucas	19	Scioto	2		
Fairfield	3	Mahoning	5	Seneca	1		
Franklin	23	Marion	1	Stark	18		

