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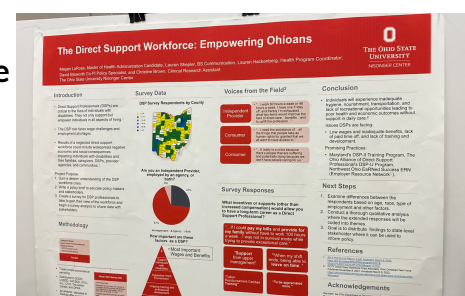
PHE: This week the Biden Administration [renewed the Public Health Emergency](#) for another 90 days. This renewal will allow people to continue to receive free testing, free vaccines, tele-health services, and other COVID related treatments for another 3 months. HHS has also said that they will provide a 60-day notice prior to termination or expiration of the renewal. In addition to the PHE renewal, this week the Biden Administration extended the federal mask mandate for public transportation including airlines for another 15 days. It is now set to expire on May 3rd.

Action Alert: There is a renewed push for advocacy on the next iteration for some version of what was once called the Build Back Better bill. While Congress is on break, there are whispers around the capital that there could be movement on the legislation within the next 6 weeks, so continuing the advocacy pressure will be critical. These negotiations will be based on the budget reconciliation bill that was passed out of the house that would allocate \$150B to HCBS services over a number of years. We don't yet know what the legislation will look like after further negotiations, or whether it will even include provisions for HCBS. The action alert is intended to keep the pressure on Congress to not forget about the dire need for investment in some of our services. [You can take part in the action alert here.](#) Please reach out to [Christine](#) with any questions.

Covid Updates: There is mostly good news as far as covid trends in Ohio, but also a few things to be weary of as cases slowly tick upwards over the past week. [Currently per the CDC's county checker map, Ohio is ALL GREEN](#), which means we are all now in 'low risk' counties. But we've also seen the development of another Omicron variant called the XE variant, which is known a recombinant variant, where two variants replicate within the same cell. Hospitalizations and deaths are still trending down. Dr Sorg of DODD also shared news this week about a long-lasting monoclonal antibody treatment called EvuSheld, and that DODD is entering into a partnership to make the treatment available for Ohioans with disabilities, especially those are unable to be vaccinated.

Tech First Rule: The Technology First rule has been finalized and will be in effect on April 21st. The rule basically requires county boards and ICFs to develop a policy to ensure that "technology is explored through the person centered planning process and used to the greatest extent possible to support the outcomes in the plan" (per rule language). [DODD is holding a webinar on April 28th](#) on developing those plans and what that could look like. We did provide testimony on this rule when it had its public hearing a few months back, primarily pushing back on the plan development requirements for ICFs. DODD responded to our feedback by extending the policy requirements in the rule from 90 days to 180 days. [Read the rule here.](#) Please reach out to [Scott](#) with any questions.

Poster Day: We had the privilege of attending poster day at the OSU Nisonger center. This is a day where all of the LEND trainees present the research projects they have been working on. We partnered on a project this semester with Nisonger and a group of LEND trainees that studied DSP retention best and promising practices nationally, created a data brief of Ohio workforce efforts and surveyed DSPs across Ohio. A big thanks to the LEND trainees in gathering this important workforce data.



In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

Memo Monday: [This week's roundup of DODD communications](#) included the new MRC changes and guidance discussed last week, updates to the Outcome Tracking System data reporting, information on this year's Trauma Informed Care Summit and much more.

Senate Bill 47: Ohio recently enacted Senate Bill 47, which excludes certain routine tasks from overtime pay requirements. Under the new Ohio law, which becomes effective July 6, 2022, an employer will not be required to pay overtime compensation for any time that an employee spends:

- "Walking, riding, or traveling to and from the actual place of performance of the principal activity or activities that the employee is employed to perform.
- Activities that are preliminary to or postliminary to the principal activity or activities;
- Activities requiring insubstantial or insignificant periods of time beyond the employee's scheduled working hours."

[Our partners at VORYS released this brief](#), outlining the provisions of the new law.

Senate Bill 215: Our partners at Vorys also joined this morning's call to discuss and answer questions about Ohio's new law, which allows people 21 years and older to carry concealed firearms without a license or training. [You can read about the law, which goes into effect June 13, here.](#) Please reach out to the OPRA team with any questions you have about this law.



The OPRA Spring Conference will be held on May 5-6 at the Nationwide Conference Center in Columbus. Scroll down to the next page to check out all of our amazing sponsors. We can't wait to see you all at the Conference in May (in-person or virtually)!

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Upcoming Events

[4/20: OPRA Residential Waiver Committee](#)

[4/20: OPRA ICF Committee](#)

[4/21: HIPAA Training Workshop: Hold Business Associates Accountable](#)

[4/28: DODD Provider Training - Service Delivery Documentation](#)

News and Resources

["Ohio reports 4,808 more weekly COVID-19 cases"](#)

["As COVID-19 cases rise, disability advocates say CDC isn't doing enough"](#)

["CVS reaches agreement with DOJ to make vaccine portal more accessible for people with disabilities"](#)

[CDC: U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map](#)



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COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs			
Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,119	0	1,604	2,723

- 1,604 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **6 additional positives** since the 4/8 report.
- There were **6 additional hospitalizations** since the 4/8 report. This is a total of 2,549 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,723 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 174 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 378 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were **2 additional confirmed deaths** since the 4/8 report.

Impacted Counties/Developmental Centers:

- There are 87 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 268 followed by Cuyahoga with 259.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 162 and Franklin had 146.

Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.16% of those tested and females 40.84%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 1 to 95 years. The average age was 54 years. The most common ages are 59.
- The breakdown of people tested by race is:
 - Black or African American-14% (60% positive testing rate)
 - Other Race -2% (56% positive testing rate)
 - Unknown-5% (52% positive testing rate)
 - White/Caucasian 79% (59% positive testing rate)

COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (378) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.381%.
- The ages of those who died range from 4-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 60 years old.
- A total of 70 counties and 4 DCs (CDC, MVDC, NODC, TDC) have reported COVID-19 deaths.
- Franklin has the most confirmed COVID deaths with 29.

COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	29	Lucas	22	Richland	8
Allen	6	Fulton	2	Mahoning	8	Ross	2
Ashtabula	4	Gallia	4	Marion	1	Sandusky	7
Athens	2	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Scioto	2
Belmont	1	Greene	3	Meigs	1	Seneca	1
Brown	1	Hamilton	15	Miami	4	Stark	26
Butler	10	Hancock	5	Montgomery	15	Summit	18
Carroll	1	Hardin	1	Morgan	2	TDC	1
CDC	2	Henry	1	Morrow	2	Trumbull	10
Champaign	1	Highland	3	Muskingum	1	Tuscarawas	6
Clark	6	Holmes	2	MVDC	2	Vinton	1
Clermont	6	Huron	1	Noble	1	Washington	1
Clinton	1	Jefferson	2	NODC	4	Warren	8
Coshocton	7	Knox	3	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	24	Lake	12	Perry	4	Williams	1
Darke	2	Lawrence	2	Pickaway	2	Wood	4
Delaware	5	Licking	8	Pike	1	Wyandot	2
Erie	1	Logan	1	Portage	3		
Fairfield	5	Lorain	6	Preble	4	Grand Total	378

