

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

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**Transportation Mask Mandate:** Earlier this week, [a federal judge struck down the transportation mask mandate](#) that applies to airlines and most public transportation. The judge's ruling effectively ended masking for these entities. [On Wednesday, the DOJ appealed the ruling](#), in an effort to preserve the CDC's authority to implement public health mandates. The mandate was set to expire next month. As the filing is being appealed, currently you do NOT have to utilize a mask on public transportation including airplanes. We know many NMT/transportation providers have continued to follow the masking requirements based on this mandate, which appears to now be effectively over based on this ruling and the timing of its expiration.

**OSHA:** Recently, OSHA has been conducting some follow-up visits surrounding closures of reported Covid cases. OSHA has been reviewing their closed cases as part of their new health initiative. In their follow-up for the closure, they are looking at policies/procedures including;

- 300 logs
- fit testing training
- percentages of vaccinated employees and
- percentages of exemptions.

**Additionally, OSHA is in the process of issuing a permanent standard.** Written public comment is due today to OSHA and a virtual public comment hearing will be held on April 27th.

**Blueprint:** On Wednesday, the Rule & Waiver sub-committee of the Blueprint workgroup met for the first time in several weeks. The committee was introduced to the team from Milliman, who will be conducting the rate analyses and development work associated with recommendations for adult & employment services from the workgroup. There was also an in-depth discussion on what has changed and the current situation for day & employment service providers, since the proposals were developed many months ago. The committee also reviewed DODD's updated implementation timelines and proposed next steps. The timeline extends implementation of some of the proposals until May of 2023, which is still likely ambitious given the scope of the proposals. DODD still intends to develop a final rule and rate methodology for the BEST (Basic Employment Skills Training) although its implementation date has not been set. [Click here to see the presentation from the committee meeting.](#) Please reach out to Scott with any questions or feedback.

**Ohio Redistricting:** We want to thank District 2 for hosting this week's District meeting, which included a discussion the state's seemingly never-ending redistricting saga. After several attempts at a new legislative map were rejected by Ohio's Supreme Court, on Wednesday ["three federal judges ruled that they would step in to resolve the endless back-and-forth between the Ohio Redistricting Commission"](#), a seven-member body tasked with drawing legislative maps, and the Ohio Supreme Court, which has rejected four maps so far. Each rejection from the court was a 4-3 decision." (Cincinnati.com) The Federal judges set a date of May 28th for Ohio to resolve its mapmaking, before they would step in and likely use an earlier map submitted by the redistricting committee back in February. The Ohio Supreme Court's majority has ordered the Ohio Redistricting Commission to send it new maps by May 6. although that is unlikely given the Federal decision.



# 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 recently renewed Public Health Emergency (PHE), Ohio ISP Regional Gatherings, and the upcoming Technology First Webinar.

**ODM Alternate EVV Update:** Per ODM announcement: "This is a reminder that ODM and Sandata's April webinar will be, "ODM Alternate EVV Update." This webinar will focus on Alternate EVV vendors and agency providers using an Alt EVV solution. Catch up on changes that have happened within EVV since our Alt EVV Townhall sessions last August. Also find out what future changes are in development so you can be ready when they go into effect. Register below to attend the live webinar. If you are unable to attend, click on the registration link after the event to listen to the recording." [The webinar will be held on April 28th from 12:30-2pm and you can register by clicking here.](#) For specific questions to be covered, please reach out to [toodmevv@sandata.com](mailto:toodmevv@sandata.com) before the webinar date. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions live at the end of the session

**Nisonger Grant Project:** OPRA staff sit on the steering committee for OSU Nisonger's 'Building Bridges' grant project. This 5-year project is intended to develop resources, trainings and best practices for supporting people with dual mental health and disability diagnoses. The committee met for the 2nd time this past week to review existing hospitalization, ER and intervention data for those with dual diagnoses.



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)!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE](#)

## Upcoming Events

[4/28: OPRA Health Care Committee Meeting](#)

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

[5/5-5/6: OPRA Spring Conference](#)

## News and Resources

["Ohio reports 6,890 new COVID-19 cases as weekly infections tick up"](#)

["Vance surge remakes Ohio Senate race"](#)

["Redefining Inclusion for Disabilities That Can Be Harder to See"](#)

[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
1,120	0	1,604	2,724

- 1,604 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were **0 additional positives** since the 4/15 report.
- There was **1 additional hospitalization** since the 4/15 report. This is a total of 2,550 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,724 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 and tested positive for COVID-19. There were **0 additional confirmed deaths** since the 4/15 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

