

# OPRA FRIDAY 5

News, Resources and Events for OPRA Members

DECEMBER 9, 2022

**End-of-year Reminders:** There are a couple of notices from the department that came out this week that we would like to highlight. For ICF's, you will need to enter all Bed Hold and Additional Bed Hold request information for 2022 by December 21, 2022. For all providers, the department sent out notice that the last payment date prior to the Christmas holiday is December 22, 2022 for billing cycle Dec22B and that claims must be received prior to noon on December 7. Additionally, the department put out notice that they are providing an extension to providers and CB's to complete their annual MUI reviews. Please refer to the department's [Memo Monday for timeline details.](#)

**Nisonger Survey:** Our friends at the OSU Nisonger survey have asked us to share this survey related to their 'Building Bridges' Dual Diagnoses grant project. From Nisonger: "We would like to invite you to participate in an online survey that aims improve services and supports for individuals with ID/DD (intellectual and developmental disabilities) and mental health disabilities. The survey will be completed online using Qualtrics. Participants can take the survey at any time. It will take 15-20 minutes to complete. We are looking for both providers in the mental health workforce and providers in the developmental disabilities workforce. Participants will be asked about their experiences with mental health and developmental disabilities services and supports, barriers to getting services and training needs for professionals within the IDD and MHD systems.

**If you are interested in participating in this survey, please click this link.**

Please feel free to reach out to Manisha Khatiwada through email [manisha.khatiwada@osumc.edu](mailto:manisha.khatiwada@osumc.edu) or through phone (614-366-3828) if you have any questions."

**OMJ Website:** OPRA has been asked to provide feedback on the Ohio Means Jobs' (OMJ) public job board experience from a provider's perspective. If you have any experience using the website, we would love to hear your feedback. Please send any thoughts and feedback to [Christine.](#)

**Retention Program:** We remain optimistic that the 6.5% retention bonus program has a path at the statehouse. We will continue to keep you posted as we track the project's path and we move towards the end of this lame duck session. Unfortunately that still means the program will not be implemented until the new year, and there will need to be some adjustments/flexibilities made given the much-delayed implementation. Guidance, including how to opt in to the program, calculate bonus amounts, when disbursements will be made and what employees are eligible will be available as the program gets final approval.

**Velcro Coalition:** The Velcro Coalition, an informal group formed in 2021 by OPRA and OACB to highlight promising practices and collaboration between county boards and providers will hold our final quarterly meeting of 2022 on December 21st. The meeting will be a 'Collaboration Celebration' and feature John Silfies of Silfies Media sharing many of the videos he's produced about local collaboration. Please reach out to [Scott](#) if you would like to be added to Velcro Coalition email list.



# In Case You Missed It...

Additional Updates From The OPRA Team and System Partners

**Memo Monday/Pipeline:** Click here to download [DODD's Memo Monday](#), containing many important end of the year announcements and deadlines including Bed Hold Days, MUI reviews and billing cycles, as well as information on the Outcome Tracking System, DODD workshops and more!

**Public Health Emergency:** Just a reminder that the current [Public Health Emergency is set to expire on January 11, 2023](#). The Biden administration has promised a 60-day notice prior to ending the PHE. Since there has been 60 day notice issued as of yet, there is a good chance that the PHE will be extended until April 2023.

**CMS Guidance:** Recently, the CDC released [updated guidance on Community Congregate Living Settings](#). Per the CDC, facilities that serve unrelated people who live together and share at least one common room (e.g. group or personal care homes and assisted living facilities) should apply prevention strategies based on [Covid-19 Community Levels](#). It should be noted that the new recommendations do not affect facilities that are classified as providing healthcare services. Those facilities should continue to utilize the [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel](#).

**Ohio Cookie Bill:** As Pete mentioned on this morning's call, Ohio's legislature has spent some of the last few weeks engaged in [debate regarding the designation of an official 'State Cookie'](#). The legislation has been in the works since 2019, when a 3rd grade class in Cincinnati wrote the legislature to propose naming the Sugar Cookie as the Buckeye State's official cookie, citing the sweet snack could "represent a diversity of cookies ranging from the iced or sprinkled sugar cookie to snickerdoodles." But a last-minute complication arose as lawmakers looked to add the designation to [Senate Bill 278, a so-called 'Christmas Tree' bill](#), as there was unexpected discord as to whether butter should be included in the cookie recipe included in the legislative language. What do you think; butter or no!?



## Upcoming Events

[12/13: DODD Webinar - Anxiety Disorders in People with IDD](#)

[12/21: OPRA ICF Committee Meeting](#)

[12/21 OPRA Residential Waiver Committee](#)

[1/11: OPRA Workshop - Why You Need to Automate Your Employee Onboarding Process and How to Do It](#)  
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## News and Resources

["Ohio COVID-19 hospitalizations continue increasing"](#)

["Impending Intergenerational Crisis": Americans With IDD Lack Long-Term Care Plans"](#)

["Ohio disability-rights group advocates for more public adult changing tables"](#)

["Huber Heights family wins lawsuit against state agency regarding help for son's autism"](#)



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### COVID-19 Testing Results for Reportable MUIs

Negative	Pending	Positive	Total
1,174	0	1,785	2,959

- 1,785 people served have tested positive for COVID-19 and been hospitalized. There were 3 additional positives since the 12/2 report.
- There were 4 additional hospitalizations since the 12/2 report. This is a total of 2,767 people hospitalized and tested for COVID-19.
- A total of 2,959 COVID-19 reportable MUIs have been filed as 192 individuals were never hospitalized but COVID-19 was suspected or later determined as their cause of death.
- 404 people served have passed away who have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 0 additional confirmed deaths since the 12/2 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).
- Cuyahoga had the most people hospitalized and tested with 281 followed by Franklin with 279.
- Cuyahoga had the most people tested positive with 183 and Franklin had 158.

### Testing Demographics:

- Males accounted for 59.3% of those tested and females 40.7%.
- Ages of people tested ranged from 11 months 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% (60% positive testing rate)

### COVID-19 Deaths:

- The mortality rate of those passing from COVID-19 (404) and the total people served (98,956) is 0.408%.
- The ages of those who died range from 11 months-95 years of age.
- The average age of the person who died was 59 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 31.

### COVID Related Deaths:

County or DCs with COVID Deaths							
Adams	2	Franklin	31	Lucas	24	Richland	8
Allen	6	Fulton	2	Mahoning	8	Ross	2
Ashtabula	5	Gallia	5	Marion	1	Sandusky	7
Athens	2	Geauga	1	Medina	1	Scioto	2
Belmont	1	Greene	3	Meigs	2	Seneca	1
Brown	1	Hamilton	18	Miami	4	Stark	27
Butler	10	Hancock	6	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	7
Clark	6	Holmes	3	MVDC	2	Vinton	1
Clermont	6	Huron	1	Noble	1	Washington	1
Clinton	1	Jefferson	2	NODC	4	Warren	9
Coshocton	8	Knox	4	Ottawa	10	Wayne	4
Cuyahoga	28	Lake	14	Perry	4	Williams	1
Darke	3	Lawrence	2	Pickaway	2	Wood	5
Delaware	5	Licking	8	Pike	2	Wyandot	2
Erie	1	Logan	1	Portage	3		
Fairfield	6	Lorain	6	Preble	4	Grand Total	404

