

COVID-19: What we know today

LCBDD will release a daily newsletter in an effort to keep our providers as informed as possible. Information about this will change quickly, [but we will keep an archive of the information.](#)

March 19, 2020

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act: What Employers Need to Know

On March 18, 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was approved by Congress and signed by President Trump. There are a number of provisions in the law that will directly impact many employers. [Learn more here.](#)

Ohio Medicaid to Release Emergency Rules to Expand Access to Telehealth

Today, March 19, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced he will be issuing an executive order authorizing the Department of Medicaid (ODM) to promulgate emergency rules which will expand access to telehealth. [Learn more here.](#)

ODJFS Provides Common Number to Speed Processing of COVID-19-Related Unemployment Benefits

Earlier today, ODJFS released guidance for processing for employees who lose their employment as a result of the pandemic. Per the announcement "The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is instructing Ohio employers planning layoffs or

shutdowns as a result the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to share the following mass lay-off number with their employees to speed the processing of unemployment benefits: 2000180. The agency also is providing instructions for employers to share with their employees about how to apply for benefits." To read the release and instructions for application, click here.

OOD Permitting the Authorization of Job Seeking Skills Training

[See "Continuing Provision of Services" email](#) from OOD permitting the authorization of a maximum of 10 hours (100 UOS) of Job Seeking Skills Training (JSST) per month for additional information.

Stay Up To Date with DODD Communications

In order to ensure that you receive useful information and resources from DODD, please update your information in Constant Contact [via this form](#). Your updated information will ensure that the department can effectively communicate to the people which the agency supports.

Information and Resources

[DODD support teams](#) are available to help county boards and providers.

DODD has set up a dedicated [web page](#) for department communications and links to helpful resources that will advise people with disabilities, their families, service providers, direct support professionals, county boards of developmental disabilities, and the community at large.

For specific questions about COVID-19 and additional information and resources, DODD urges you to use the Ohio Department of Health's call center. Call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634), or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

FREE Abbreviated DSP Training for Providers to Utilize During COVID-19 Public Health Crisis- from OADSP

OADSP is pleased to share a FREE abbreviated DSP training curriculum developed in accordance with DODD's recent guidance that can be used to quickly onboard new staff during the public health crisis caused by COVID-19. This information is intended to be widely distributed to all providers. OADSP encourages each provider to include their own agency specific information with regard to reporting incidents, along with other agency and client specific information.

The training curriculum can be found on the special "DSP Abbreviated Training" tab at www.oadsp.org. Direct link available [HERE](#).

Additionally, OADSP published a recorded webinar-style version of this training. The video is available on the "Abbreviated DSP Training" tab ([HERE](#)). Look for it under the heading, "DSP Abbreviated Training Webinar". Please be sure to provide participants with the supplemental materials that accompany the video, found below the video link.

*This video may also be used in whole or part to refresh current DSPs on MUIs, UIs, and/or Universal Precautions.

Good to know! Please share the info. below widely.

DO NOT MIX THESE CLEANING PRODUCTS

BLEACH + VINEGAR

Bleach and vinegar mixture produces chlorine gas, which can cause coughing, breathing problems, burning and watery eyes.



BLEACH + AMMONIA

Bleach and ammonia produce a toxic gas called chloramine. It causes shortness of breath and chest pain.



BLEACH + RUBBING ALCOHOL

Bleach and rubbing alcohol makes chloroform, which is highly toxic.



HYDROGEN PEROXIDE + VINEGAR

This combination makes peracetic/peroxyacetic acid, which can be highly corrosive

