

COVID-19: What we know today

DODD Guidance: What Ohio's Stay-at-Home Order Means for Ohio's Developmental Disabilities System

March 22, Governor Mike DeWine announced that Dr. Amy Acton, director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), issued a [stay-at-home order](#). The order is effective March 23, 2020, at 11:59 PM.

The order states that services in Ohio's developmental disabilities system are essential activities that should continue to be provided, and that travel is allowed in order to provide and receive those services. Direct support professionals (DSPs) and county board service and support administrators (SSAs) are essential workers and should continue providing supports while following other orders from ODH, DODD guidance, and best practices found at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

ODH has developed a [frequently asked questions document](#) about the stay-at-home order. The [order for adult day services](#) is still in effect, and people should continue to use [DODD's guidance](#).

For more details: [Guidance: What Ohio's Stay-at-Home Order Means for Ohio's Developmental Disabilities System](#)

From the Ohio Assoc. of County Boards

"...The order is not expected to have a material impact on county boards or DD service providers, which have been deemed essential to carrying out government functions and human services. The governor's order (linked below) permits county board and provider staff to work and travel to the extent required to deliver services and carry out prescribed government functions. As such, county boards of DD and service providers shall continue to operate for the duration of this order."

Essential Employee letter template

[Click here for a template letter \(from OHCA\)](#) designating a person as an essential worker that you put on agency letterhead and customize for your needs. The Director's Stay at Home order does not require people traveling to work in essential jobs to carry such documentation, but it may give them a greater feeling of comfort in their commute.

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