

COVID-19: What we know today

Essential Employee letters

[Here is a link to a different template \(from OPRA\)](#) for a letter to provide your staff showing they are an Essential Employee working for your agency. The “Stay at Home” order DOES NOT require this, but it could make things easier for staff.

More info. on Day Service Closures

As you know, on Saturday, 3/21/20 the Ohio Governor’s office issued an executive order mandating the closure of day and vocational service centers. The order goes into effect 9:00PM Tuesday, 1/24/20 and pertains to service centers providing services in ‘congregate settings’ where more than 10 or more people gather.

Adult/Vocational services may still be provided in;

- Settings of 10 or less people, including staff.
- Areas of a facility that have their own dedicated entrance/exit, restrooms and staff
- Buildings where other administrative, clerical, cleaning or off-shift DSPs are working, separate from the group of 10 or less.
- In someone’s home, or appropriate community setting, adhering to “Stay at home” order and other social distancing/health and safety requirements.

A FAQ doc. from DODD on the order is available at this link: [Guidance: Frequently Asked Questions about Adult Day Services Order](#)

More info. from DODD: [Guidance: Day Service Group Size Reduction and Alternative Location Planning](#)

Preventative Measures Guidance

DODD also published additional guidance for waiver providers [in group home settings](#) and [individual or family home settings](#) that contain preventive measures they can implement.

For **previous guidance announcements**, visit [DODD's page](#) for COVID-19 information and resources.

Free Webinar re: Legal Implications

Below is a free webinar that promises to look at the legal details of all the changes occurring and how they affect your business.



Vorys On Call: Coronavirus

Thursday, March 26, 2020

12:00 p.m. ET

We welcomed nearly 1,000 of you to our first weekly webinar and fielded hundreds of questions on the various business and legal implications of the coronavirus. Our second, multi-disciplinary webinar is scheduled for Thursday, March 26. Vorys attorneys representing various practice areas and disciplines will come together to share their considerations as businesses navigate these turbulent times. Attorneys will briefly address each of the following topics and field as many questions as possible:

- Phase III Legislative Update
- Court Closures
- State Shelter-In-Place Orders: Essential and Non-Essential Business
- Update on the Family First Coronavirus Response Act
- Unemployment Compensation and PTO for Furloughed Employees
- Employee Benefits/Tax Credits
- Health Care: Update on measures to address practitioner shortages
- SBA Loan Developments

We encourage you to invite other members of your team to this discussion.

To view the Vorys Coronavirus Task Force webpage, [click here](#).

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