

COVID-19: What we know today

Developing Crisis Response Plans

What if a person you serve gets infected? Who should you call? What are the first steps? Who do we quarantine and for how long? Many of you have started the process of preparing for an outbreak. It's recommended you begin having discussions and planning for your organization. [OPRA has shared the this document with some items to consider in preparing an emergency response.](#)

Workers' Compensation and Health Insurance

On Saturday, Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted announced that Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) premiums are deferred until at least June 1, allowing Ohio employers to retain \$200 million that they otherwise would have paid into the fund. See this [frequently asked questions document](#) for more about how BWC will handle COVID-19 issues. Lt. Gov. Husted said he would issue an order mandating a two-month grace period for employers to pay health insurance premiums and prohibiting insurance companies from canceling employees' coverage because they do not work enough hours.

Resource for DSPs

Suggestions to help people make their stay-at-home days meaningful: [Having a Meaningful Day during Ohio's Stay-at-Home Order](#)

Indoor activities list from Family Resource Network of

Ohio: <https://mailchi.mp/aa6156bd5f5c/indoor-resources?e=1c5b5c3b92>

COVID-19, HIPAA, 1st Responders, & Health Authorities

This guidance recently issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services explains when covered entities may disclose PHI to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders, and public health authorities without the person's Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) authorization. [Click here for the document.](#)

Temporary Changes to EVV

[This document details changes made to relax EVV requirements during the COVID-19 crisis.](#)