

COVID-19: What we know today

SP Recruitment

DODD has partnered with ODJFS for a marketing campaign urging people to become DSPs and support Ohioans in their community. The idea is to be prepared for any coming staff attrition due to COVID-19.

Please take a few minutes to update your job description, or create one, on OhioMeansJobs.com. Ensuring your information is accurate and up-to-date is imperative to making this collaboration and marketing campaign successful.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

from Brandi- If no face shields are available the CDC recommends using safety glasses. There are safety glasses still available on Amazon. Since we cannot get face shields, we encourage providers to look for safety glasses.

(Please consider that the following recommendations are for nursing facilities and may not directly apply to all situations, but can inform our efforts. Please tailor appropriate precautions to each individual and situation.)

from OHCA –

Yesterday the Health Department (ODH) a [revised version](#) of their document on PPE optimization that includes the statement, "ODH is recommending that all staff in long-term care facilities wear a surgical/medical facemask while working to avoid asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 to residents and other staff. This includes facilities not known to be affected by COVID-19." The next paragraph of the guidelines discuss use of homemade masks as a "last resort" when facemasks are not available. Other PPE-related materials from ODH include: [Instructions](#) for re-using facemasks.

[A list](#) of instructions and videos on PPE use.

More info. on Federal Relief Programs

from OHCA - e recommend that all members who qualify apply for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans as a way of injecting much-needed cash into their operations. The program is part of the CARES Act. The loans are 100% guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and carry only 0.5% interest, but the best part is they can be forgiven if at least 75% of the money is used for payroll expenses during the following 8 weeks. In essence, it becomes a grant. The maximum loan amount is the lesser of \$10 million or 2.5 times average monthly payroll. This is a small business program, defined as fewer than 500 employees. Please see [this memo](#) from AHCA legal counsel Reed Smith on employer eligibility and [this online post](#) for more information on PPP generally. The SBA posted a [sample application form](#) that small businesses can use, and the SBA web page on PPP is [here](#).

from OACB & OPRA- These new initiatives—the "Paycheck Protection Program" and "Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program"—were created by Congress as part of the CARES Act passed last week and are managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). They exist solely to

help small businesses struggling to survive during the COVID-19 response period. Many (if not most) Ohio DD providers are likely eligible to participate in these relief programs. Informational materials about these two programs have been prepared by OACB, OPRA, and the U.S. House Committee on Small Business. They are linked below.

FAQ: Economic Injury Disaster Loans
Details, qualifications, and application instructions

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FAQ: Paycheck Protection Act Loans
Details, qualifications, and application instructions

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OPRA Update: Relief Opportunities
Recent OPRA presentation on federal relief sources.

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Small Business Guide to the CARES Act
Relief effort overview courtesy of the U.S. Congress

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