

COVID-19: What we know today

Updated DODD Guidance on DSP Training Requirements

[Guidance: Providers of Waiver-Funded Services](#) Direct Support Professional Training - updated 4/13/20

COVID-19 Job Search website.

The state created this job posting site for employers to reach potential employees displaced by COVID-19. If you need workforce that may or may not have a health care background, [give this heavily promoted site a try](#). For direct support professionals in the developmental disabilities field, try [DSPOhio](#).

NCI Staff Stability Survey Extended

In response to COVID-19, the mandatory National Core Indicators (NCI) Staff Stability Survey 2019 deadline is being extended to June 30, 2020. If you require additional guidance on completing the Staff Stability Survey, please check out these resources:

[NCI Staff Stability Survey FAQ](#)

[NCI Staff Stability Survey Guidance](#)

[NCI video](#) about why it's important and how to complete the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Terry Stine at lindsay.terry-stine@dodd.ohio.gov.

Extension: Outcome Tracking System

In response to coronavirus (COVID-19), and the shift in priorities to ensure health and safety, the Outcome Tracking System (OTS) deadline is extended to May 31, 2020.

For support obtaining access to OTS, view the OTS [Login Guide](#). If you require further assistance, please contact DODD's call center at 1-800-617-6733, option 4, or email itscallcenter@dodd.ohio.gov.

Additionally, OTS [resources and tools](#) are available online. Reach out to your [regional Community Life Engagement Project Manager](#) with questions.

Practical advice from OHCA

-In the event of a positive COVID-19 case, there is no substitute for timely, clear, and consistent communication with your two most important audiences: your staff and the people you serve and their families/guardians. Along with the local health department, they should be the first to know. Give yourself an opportunity to calm their fears before they hear through the grapevine and add anger to fear. There are multiple examples of families, in particular, who claim not to have been informed going to the news media with their complaints.

-Be extra careful with agency staff. Anyone who works in multiple long-term services and supports settings - agency being an obvious example - has a much greater chance of being a vector for COVID-19. An agency may not be sufficiently diligent about identifying a temporary's possible exposure to a COVID-19-positive patient or co-worker at another location. Your extra investigation could save lives.

More PPE leads! from OACB

Thanks to leads shared by NOWAC COG and a central Ohio provider agency, OACB has learned about potential suppliers for no-touch thermometers (Seattle-based WYZE, Inc.) and PPE products such as masks, gloves, gowns, and disinfectant wipes (Ohio-based Shamrock Companies Inc.)

[Download Shamrock Companies' PPE Catalog \(PDF\)](#)

To order items from Shamrock Companies Inc., contact Mike Cummins (mcummins@shamrockcompanies.net) at 614-332-8260.

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