

COVID-19: What we know today

Excellence Network mtg. cancelled

Just a reminder, Friday's Excellence Network mtg. is cancelled, along with the May 15th mtg. I'll be sure to let you know if anything changes re: the May mtg. Hope we can all get together sometime soon!

DODD ADS Webinar on Fri, 4/17/20

If it applies to your services, don't forget to register for the [Adult Day Supports and COVID-19: Response, Guidance and Practice](#) webinar April 17 from 1 to 3 PM.

DSP Recruitment efforts

If you're recruiting staff, DODD has released a video and social media campaign. Remember to update their profiles on www.ohiomeansjobs.com

[Direct Support Professional Recruitment Kit](#) (April 14)

DODD DSP Recruitment video: <https://youtu.be/JnkKOrKgGvQ>

Grant opportunity from U.S. Chamber of Commerce

To extend a helping hand to small businesses suffering from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation – in partnership with Vistaprint and a coalition of supporting companies, foundations, and philanthropic donors – is working to provide financial relief through the "Save Small Business Fund". The "Save Small Business Fund" is a grant-making initiative to offer \$5,000 grants that provide short-term relief for employers across the United States. These one-time supplemental cash grants are for businesses that have between 3-20 employees and operate in an economically vulnerable community. Most of Licking County is eligible (you can search eligibility by zip code [here](#)). The grant application will go live on Monday, April 20 at 3 p.m.

Visit savesmallbusiness.com for more details about the fund, to get an email reminder when the application launches and to apply for a grant.

DODD Pre-surge Planning Tools

[Guidance: Long-Term Services and Supports \(LTSS\) Pre-Surge Planning Toolkit](#)

- LTSS Pre-Surge Planning Toolkit
- DODD Companion Guidance for Using LTSS Toolkit
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Sample Instructions for Personnel Daily Symptom Monitoring
- Guidance for Discontinuing Transmission-Based Precautions in COVID-19 Patients
- VIDEO: Nursing Facility (Congregate Care)-Focused Training
- VIDEO: Community-Focused Training
- Guidance: Setting Up a Temporary Relocation Site for Congregate or Community Settings
- CDC Strategies for Optimizing PPE Use

DODD Planning webinars

Tuesday, April 21

10 to 11 AM: [Community Settings](#)

1:30 to 2:30 PM: [Congregate Care Settings](#)

Helping people vote in Ohio's primary election

Below is information on helping people to vote in the current primary election.

- Voters can contact the local board of elections office (740) 670-5080 to request a written application for an absentee ballot. This application will be mailed to them. The deadline for this is April 25, 2020 at noon. Please note that the voter must sign their own ballot. There is no provision for electronic signatures at this time.
- Voters with a disability can also locate an accessible online application at Voteohio.gov. Click on the box: Voters with a Disability (look for form 11G). For this option individuals must have a printer and a valid email address as this is how they will submit their absentee request. Your answers are NOT stored on their server and they are also working on a pictorial step by step process (hopefully in place by November 2020).
- Voters with a disability or no mailing address can also go to the local board of elections office (Administration building: 20 South Second Street Newark) on April 28th from 630a-730p and cast their vote at this time. Board of Election employees can assist you. The state is aware that transportation to the polls is an ongoing issue.
- Deadlines: All absentee ballots must be postmarked by April 27th.
- There is a local drop box in front of the board of elections and all ballots must be turned in by April 28th at 7:30pm.

Movement activities

[Click this link](#) for a list of ideas to get people up and moving while everyone's at home. It seems you can do all sort of stuff with balloons! (Thanks to CSS for sharing.)