

COVID-19: What we know today

Provider Relations survey now available!

We know how busy everyone is, but we would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to tell us how we're doing with supporting our Providers. Your feedback is key to helping us improve! The survey closes 9/15/20.

2020 Provider Relations Feedback Survey for Agency or Independent Providers:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020ProviderRelationsFeedbackfromagencyorindependentproviders>

DODD Encourages COVID-19 Testing

DODD has updated forms referenced in their July 14 update of [guidance for adult day services](#). The guidance and the [Team Acknowledgement Form](#) include references to COVID-19 testing. COVID-19 testing is not required to return to day programs but should be a part of the team discussion when determining if the person is a good candidate to attend. Though not required, DODD recommends that both staff and people with developmental disabilities utilize the availability of testing for COVID-19.

Link to DODD's memo. with links to updated

forms: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/communication/memos/memo-dodd-encourages-covid-19-testing>

Free Webinar: Working Through STEP Services Together! presented by OPRA

August 5, 2020, 10 AM - 12 PM EST

STEP services were introduced by DODD early on in the pandemic to support person-centered adult and vocational service options for people with disabilities as many were unable to attend their traditional or center-based services. Now months in, we've seen many great examples of providers, county boards and the people they support working together to develop in-home, virtual and community-based services that help people safely connect with friends, learn new skills and participate in meaningful activities. Join Lisa Comes of OACB and Scott Marks of OPRA, as well as several guest speakers from provider agencies and county boards to discuss their experiences coordinating and providing STEP services and the positive impact those services have had on the people they support.

If you do not have an account, you will need to create one in order to register for this event

https://associationdatabase.com/aws/OPRA/login/login_or_create_account?follow_up_url=https%3A%2F%2Fassociationdatabase.com%2Faws%2FOPRA%2Fregistration%2Fadd_registrations_prompt%3Fevent_id%3D37269%26host%3Dretain

Reporting MUIs During COVID-19

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) remains dedicated to health and welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has had a significant effect on Major Unusual Incident (MUI) reporting and trends. Based on the data collected, it is apparent that efforts to

reduce the spread of the virus have been effective. It is critical to continue reporting incidents outlined in OAC [5123:17-02](#) at all times to protect vulnerable populations. (The Health & Safety Alert is [here](#).)