

## COVID-19: What we know today

### **Licking County COVID Defense Team**

LCBDD's own Brandi Body is a member of Licking County's COVID Defense Team, and shares her notes from this week's meeting. [Click here for the notes.](#)

### **APSI & COVID vaccinations**

During an OPRA call today, APSI clarified they anticipate providing consent for a majority of individuals they serve. However, they'll need to evaluate their consent for each individual on a case-by-case basis to ensure existing conditions aren't contraindicated for the vaccine being administered. As a result, teams should be following up with their APSI representatives to determine what additional information may be needed to help make this decision, such as consulting the individual's medical provider(s). APSI will also need to know when the vaccination is scheduled and the vaccination manufacturer for each individual. Providers in other counties have indicated the pharmacy may not know which vaccine the individual will receive at the time of scheduling. Until information is known about the contraindications of the Moderna vaccine compared to the Pfizer vaccine, APSI is asking the provider to reach out when the manufacturer is known prior to administration. APSI will maintain information about the vaccine manufacturer and date of the vaccination (1st and 2nd dose) for each individual they serve. APSI will check in on individuals who receive the vaccine to monitor reactions. If an individual doesn't wish to receive the vaccination, APSI plans to work with the team on educating the individual, but, ultimately, APSI doesn't plan to have individuals restrained in order to have it administered.

### **COVID vaccination for recovered patients? YES**

Our local Health Dept. says that people who have had COVID are eligible for a vaccine. It's unknown how long immunity lasts after having the virus; current indications are it's around 3 months. A vaccine could be beneficial in not getting re-infected.

### **Certification Expiration Dates Extended until 7/1/21**

Recent legislation extends any license, permit, certificate, commission, charter, registration, card, or similar authority that is issued or conferred by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) that was due to expire between March 9, 2020, and April 1, 2021, has been automatically extended to July 1, 2021. The license, permit, certificate, commission, charter, registration, card, or similar authority must be renewed on or before July 1, 2021, or it will lapse on July 2, 2021. Any license, permit, certificate, commission, charter, registration, card, or similar authority issued or conferred by DODD that expires after April 1, 2021, must be renewed before expiration. A list of what's included can be found here: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/communication/Memos/memo-HB404-Extends-Certifications>

### **Outcome Tracking System Reporting Period Extended**

DODD is extending the Outcome Tracking System (OTS) reporting period to June 30, 2021. At that time, the data normally due in March will be required to be entered to better understand how people with developmental disabilities services are spending their days.

**Infection Control Webinar Recording Now Available**

ODH & DODD staff partnered on the webinar, “COVID-19: Applying Infection Control for Department of Developmental Disabilities Settings.” It shared vital to help those in direct support positions understand ways to implement important infection control measures to lessen the risk of spreading COVID and other illnesses.

A [recorded copy](#) of the webinar is now available on our website. In addition to the recorded webinar, you can also access a copy of the Power Point slides that were shared.

[https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/covid\\_19\\_guidance/all-resources/dodd-odh-recorded-infection-control](https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/covid_19_guidance/all-resources/dodd-odh-recorded-infection-control)