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>>> 2020 Heat-Related Illness Brochure Available

Some medicines and medical conditions can make the body overheat, especially during hot and humid weather. When the body overheats, heat-related illness can cause death if not treated. Almost all psychotropic medications except benzodiazepines (e.g. anti-anxiety drugs, sedatives) are among medications that decrease the body's response to heat. Alcohol, narcotics and street drugs can also affect heat tolerance. Now that summer is in full swing, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Medical Director Justin Trevino, M.D. has issued the [2020 Heat-Related Illness brochure](#). Please read this information and check with your doctor or pharmacist about your medications to stay safe during hot weather.



>>> OhioMHAS Guide to Financial Literacy and Education Resources

In response to a request from Ohio's behavioral health provider community, OhioMHAS has compiled a new [Guide to Financial Literacy and Education Resources](#). This resource contains links to information, coaching sessions and training on a variety of topics, including: budgeting, money management, financial planning, understanding benefits, credit counseling, debt reduction, and more.

>>> Ohio Recognized: Collaboration Key as States Address Homelessness and SUD to Curb COVID-19

Ohio is one of three states recognized in a recent [National Academy for State Health Policy blog](#) regarding collaboration in providing guidance to address homelessness, Substance Use Disorder, and COVID-19. The blog highlights successful strategies Maine, Massachusetts, and Ohio are taking to protect and support at-risk individuals amid the coronavirus pandemic. The blog highlights Ohio's [guidelines](#) to assist communities in leveraging hotels/motels for non-congregate housing options during COVID-19.

>>> Ohio Children of Incarcerated Parents Initiative Virtual Town Hall Meeting – July 22

The Ohio Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP) [initiative](#) began in 2015 by strategically building the re-entry workforce capacity through a series of trainings that certified re-entry professionals in an evidence-based prevention intervention (EBPI). The evidence-based prevention program is being implemented in various community settings across the state, such as nonprofit organizations, county jails, and faith-based organizations. Please join us **July 22 at 11 a.m.** for a virtual townhall to hear about what has been accomplished since the program's inception. Also, learn how the initiative can help you put lasting change into practice by giving you access to the trainings and resources you need. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Not Just Vapor: Ohio Parent Webinar – Aug. 12

Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes (PAVe) will host a Zoom webinar focused on youth vaping prevention/cessation on **Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.** The webinar will provide information for parents and adults who work with youth to help young people avoid and/or quit using dangerous, flavored e-cigarette products. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Visit the Ohio Department of Health [website](#) to learn more about Ohio's tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.



>>> 2020 Suicide Prevention Summit -- Registration Open

The American Association of Suicidology in partnership with the Mental Health Academy and the American Mental Health Counselors Association will host the 2020 Suicide Prevention Summit on Aug. 29-30. The Summit will be delivered via 10, free, live webinar sessions. The sessions will be available on-demand (i.e. you can watch recorded versions of the live sessions) through Sept. 20. Certificates of completion containing details about 10 Continuing Education hours for the program will be provided. Learn more [HERE](#). Register [HERE](#).

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites.

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