



News Now

Mike DeWine, *Governor*
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>>> Governor DeWine Signs Executive Order on Telehealth Services

Governor Mike DeWine today signed an [executive order](#) to extend and improve emergency rules that will provide additional flexibilities to allow health care professionals to deliver services via telehealth. Through the emergency rules, the executive order permits the use of audio, video, and even text messaging to allow people to access critical health care services while remaining socially distant and safe. This rule will apply to a variety of healthcare services, including critical mental health and addiction services.



>>> Ohio Crisis Academy: Mobile Teams for Adults & Youth – Aug. 5

Join the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) on Aug. 5, beginning at 9 a.m., for a Crisis Academy around mobile teams for adults and youth. This 3.5-hour Zoom webinar will focus on crisis response systems—from models, to the individual components and how they can work in partnership. Speakers will also discuss Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) within a Children’s Crisis Continuum. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register, [HERE](#) to view the flyer and [HERE](#) to preview the training agenda.

>>> 2020 Ohio Rural Health Conference – Aug. 12-14

The Ohio Department of Health, in partnership with the Ohio Rural Health Association and Ohio University, will host the virtual 2020 Ohio Rural Health Conference Aug. 12-14. Connect with health care practitioners, administrators, and advocates for rural health throughout Ohio on today’s most pressing matters, from COVID-19 to mental health in agricultural communities and beyond. Presentations will focus on three topic areas: population health, rural health clinics, and critical access hospitals. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Chillicothe VA Announces Virtual Veteran Suicide Prevention Training – Sept. 3

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center Suicide Prevention Program will host a free, virtual “Keeping Veterans Safe Where They Live, Work and Thrive” suicide prevention training on Sept. 3 from 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Topics include: gun and medication safety, and connecting with suicide prevention resources. CEUs will be available. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> FCC Designates ‘988’ for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Today, the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. The rules require all phone service providers to direct all 988 calls to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. During the transition to 988, Americans who need help should continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) and through online chats. Veterans and Service members may reach the Veterans Crisis Line by pressing 1 after dialing, chatting online at www.veteranscrisisline.net, or texting 838255.

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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7.15.20 | *Cincinnati Magazine* [Two local health professionals speak on COVID-19's mental health side effects](#)

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