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>>> COVID-19 Pop-Up Testing

This week, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the availability of additional COVID-19 pop-up testing sites throughout Ohio. In May, the Governor's COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force issued an interim report that detailed the importance of testing access in communities of color and other high-risk areas. As a response, the Strike Force announced a walk-up/drive-up testing initiative with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and their affiliate members and the Ohio National Guard. These sites will also include other community-based organizations, i.e. faith-based organizations, community centers, food pantries, etc. Testing for this initiative will be available for individuals with or without symptoms. The test has no out-of-pocket costs to the patient, and individuals of any age are able to access the test. Minors will need signed consent of a parent/guardian. Visit coronavirus.ohio.gov for a map of testing locations and upcoming pop-up sites.



>>> REMINDER: Virtual Crisis Academy – June 25

Save the date! The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in partnership with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network, will host a virtual Crisis Academy on June 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. In this edition of the [Ohio Crisis Academy](#), learn how effective crisis service delivery comes through residential crisis programs and peer respite homes, as well as the critical metrics for measuring success. This session will also cover critical considerations for effective crisis service delivery during COVID-19. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



Related materials:

[Crisis Residential Research Overview: TBD Solutions](#)

[COVID-19 Impact Survey: Behavioral Health Crisis Providers](#)

>>> COVID-19 Telehealth: Frequently Asked Questions

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has released a Frequently Asked Questions document related to telehealth and the COVID-19 pandemic. Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

>>> Technology Based Outreach to Increase Access to Care and Support in Times of Crisis – June 30

The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health and Mental Health America (MHA) are teaming up to host a *Technology Based Outreach to Increase Access to Care and Support in Times of Crisis* webinar on June at 1:30 p.m. The webinar will provide new innovations and best practices in phone-based support systems to help increase access and support people during times of crisis. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Additional Virtual Training Dates: Addressing Bias and Opioid Use Disorder

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce the availability of additional virtual training dates August and September 2020 on Bias and Opioid Use Disorder. This free training helps physical and behavioral health professionals understand ways to address bias, especially bias toward persons with Opioid Use Disorder. Click the links below for more information and to register.

Addressing Bias and Opioid Use Disorder

Dates: July 20, July 28, Aug. 17, Aug. 25, Sept. 21, Sept. 29

Time: 1-3:45 p.m.

[Register](#)

Addressing Bias With Lived Experience of Opioid Use Disorder

Dates: July 29, Aug. 19, Aug. 27, Sept. 9

Time: 1-3:45 p.m.

[Register](#)

>>> Fairfield County ADAMH Board Hosting Drive-Through Narcan Giveaway and Training – July 9

The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board, in partnership with the Fairfield County Opiate Task Force, Project F.O.R.T. (Fairfield County Overdose Response Team), and Kroger, will host a “Be a Smart Cookie” drive-through Narcan give-away and training on July 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Lancaster Kroger located at 1621 N. Memorial Drive. July 9 is “National Sugar Cookie Day.” Each participant will receive a free naloxone kit, Deterra drug disposal bag and a sugar cookie. Counselors will be on hand to provide training to individuals in the comfort of their own vehicles. Click [HERE](#) to download the event flyer.



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.

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- 6.16.20 | *Cleveland.com* [Two local men run 90 miles in one day for racial equality, mental health awareness](#)
- 6.16.20 | *Loveland Magazine* [Learn about mental health support for first responders](#)
- 6.15.20 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Fairfield student survey shows drop in reported use of drugs and alcohol by teens](#)
- 6.15.20 | *Youngstown Business Journal* [Support is key when it comes to mental health and addiction](#)
- 6.15.20 | *Healio* [Important mental health updates to read during Men's Health Week](#)
- 6.15.20 | *Spectrum News* [Overdoses increase across Ohio](#)
- 6.15.20 | *The New York Times* [In crisis, we can learn from trauma therapy](#)
- 6.14.20 | *NBC News* [Therapists are under strain in COVID-19 era, counseling clients on trauma they're also experiencing themselves](#)
- 6.12.20 | *WEWS-TV* [Aultman Hospital, The Nord Center receive thousands in grant funding for telehealth](#)
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