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>>> Guidance from OhioMHAS for Opiate Treatment Programs

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has released a [guidance document](#) with answers to frequently asked questions for opiate treatment programs (OTPs). This document can also be accessed under the “Health Professionals and Providers” tab on the [OhioMHAS coronavirus web page](#). If you have additional questions, please email them to OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov.



The “Health Professionals and Providers” tab also includes [tips for OhioMHAS Housing Providers](#), [CDC information for homeless shelters](#), [guidance for recovery housing operators](#) and [residential care facilities](#), [telehealth guidance](#), and more. The page will be updated with new resources frequently. Please check back often.

>>> COVID-19 Update for Project DAWN/Community Naloxone Distribution

Please click [HERE](#) to see a fact sheet update on Project DAWN/Community Naloxone distribution.

>>> Email Boxes for OTP and BH Provider Questions

Amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, OhioMHAS is committed to keeping our stakeholders informed of the latest news and updates. We know you have questions and value your suggestions and feedback. To that end, the Department has established new email inboxes for COVID-19-related questions related to opiate treatment programs (OTPs) and general behavioral health. An email box for housing-related questions will be available soon. Stay tuned to NewsNow.

Please direct your inquiries to the following:

OTP Questions: OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov

General BH questions: Covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov



>>> Social Media Toolkit

Uncertainty is widespread right now, but we can help people stay in control of their emotions. Help us share tips on managing coronavirus-related stress and anxiety to all those we serve. A social media toolkit is available at <http://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus> for you or your agency to use on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more. Scroll to the bottom of the page to download sample messages.

>>> ORH 2020 Conference Postponed

In compliance with Governor DeWine’s executive order prohibiting gatherings of more than 100 people, Ohio Recovery Housing will be suspending the Ohio Recovery Housing Conference and Pre-Conference Workshop scheduled for March 30 – April 1. Conference planners anticipate being able to reschedule the conference at a future date when it is appropriate to do so. Please remember to cancel any hotel reservations or other travel arrangements you may have made. ORH will not be able to do this for you. As new information becomes available, those who have registered for the event will receive details about any refund or rescheduling options.



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.

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