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>>> PPE DELIVERY

Governor DeWine announced April 29 that the State of Ohio has shipped 4.1 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) to local emergency management agencies (EMA) across Ohio. Although this is not the first shipment of PPE, this is the largest one-time distribution of PPE from the state of Ohio to the local EMAs in Ohio history. The shipment includes: 500,000 N95 masks; 850,000 face shields; 750,000 surgical-type masks; and 2 million non-medical gloves. The PPE will be distributed locally by county EMAs to nursing homes, jails, congregate living facilities, hospitals, and first responders. The PPE was secured through the work of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, JobsOhio, Ohio Department of Health, and Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Read the Governor's full media release.

>>> Operation Face Mask

A new, grassroots effort is underway to assist medical facilities, health care providers (including behavioral health care settings, ACFs, etc.), and first responders who do not have face masks available. Operation Face Mask, launched by Air Force veteran and nurse Jenn Andrade and local partners, is recruiting individuals with sewing skills to donate homemade masks to be distributed. The group encourages donors to follow the recommended guidance from the CDC for sewing a homemade face mask. The group cannot pay for material, sewing supplies, shipping, or time, but welcomes any contributions. Masks may be mailed to: Jennifer Andrade, P.O. Box 141415, Columbus, OH 43214.

Click HERE to request masks.
Click HERE to donate supplies.
Click HERE if you are sewing for a mission and need supplies.

>>> Personal Care Services and Assistance with Self Administration of Medication Training

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Adult Care Facilities Association will be offering two online opportunities for Residential Facility operators and staff to attend the Personal Care Services and Assistance with Self-Administration of Medication training. These webinars will be presented by Dr. Wendy Umberger, who has been on the faculty of Kent State University College of Nursing since 2002 and is currently the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs. She is certified as a psychiatric mental health advanced practice nurse since 1987 and has more than 30 years of advanced practice nursing experience in the community. Dr. Umberger's clinical expertise is with patients and families experiencing mental illness who also have co-morbid chronic diseases such as chronic pain and those who are diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness.

Upcoming webinars include:
May 14 – 10 a.m.-Noon | Register
June 11 – 10 a.m.-Noon | Register

>>> SAMHSA Updates

National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2020: Combating Social Isolation for Seniors during the COVID-19 Pandemic – Webinar – May 7

Join SAMHSA, the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (NCMHA) for a thoughtful discussion, including practical ideas to promote connection and recovery for older adults with serious mental illness and substance use disorders, during this unprecedented time in our history. Click HERE for more information. The National Institute of Mental Health also has a wide range of education and outreach materials in support of May as Mental Health Month.

National Prevention Week – May 10-16

SAMHSA's next National Prevention Week (NPW) is May 10-16. Each year around this observance, communities and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health. Learn more.

COVID-19 Training and Technical Assistance

Click HERE to view the latest COVID-19 related training and technical assistance updates.

>>> Mental Health Month Resources from NAMI Ohio

May is Mental Health Month. This year, The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Ohio is inviting Ohioans to share what NAMI means to them. To participate, upload a video to social media using the hashtags #MyNAMI and #NAMIOhio. Remember to tag @NAMIOhio. NAMI Ohio has also created a Facebook profile frame and download a Facebook cover photo. To add the frame to your Facebook picture, follow the steps below:

1. Log into Facebook and go to your page
2. Click update on your profile picture
3. Select "Add Frame"
4. Search for NAMI Ohio and select the frame below
5. Adjust the position of your profile picture as desired
6. Click "Use as Profile Picture"

Lastly, NAMI's "You are Not Alone" campaign features the lived experience of people affected by mental illness to fight stigma, inspire others and educate the broader public. Now more than ever before, it is important for the mental health community to come together and show the world that no one should ever feel alone. The campaign builds connection and increases awareness with the digital tools that make connection possible during a climate of physical distancing.

>>> ODH Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Report

The Ohio Department of Health Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) team has released, Snapshot of Racial Disparities in Pregnancy-Related Deaths in Ohio 2008-2016, a new report that examines pregnancy-related deaths from 2008-2016. PAMR exists to comprehensively assess the causes and factors that contribute to maternal deaths so that recommendations can be made to prevent future deaths.

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.

In the News
5.1.20 | *News-Herald* Lake County ADAMHS board leader discusses dealing with mental health aspects of coronavirus shutdown
4.30.20 | *WSYX-TV* OhioMHAS urging people to use COVID-19 resources
4.30.20 | *WKBN-TV* Commissioners approve remodel of Youngstown Development Center
4.30.20 | *WXIX-TV* Linder Center of Hope launching new crisis treatment program in response to pandemic
4.29.20 | *WKRC-TV* Recovering addicts adjust to changes during COVID-19 pandemic

4.24.20 | *Lima News* [Mobile pilot project aims to ease family dysfunction](#)

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