



News Now

Mike DeWine, *Governor*
Lori Criss, *Director*



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>>> Reminder: We Are the Majority Virtual Rally is Tomorrow (May 15)

The ninth annual We Are the Majority Rally is tomorrow from 5-6:30 p.m. Join Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss, Pray for Sleep, The Paragon Project, and youth from throughout Ohio in a celebration of young people's healthy choices and resiliency. ASL interpreters will be on screen. Tune in Friday at 5 p.m. at mjstream.tv/watmvr. The rally will also be available live on social media (#WATM20) and on [The Ohio Channel](#). Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video from host Jade Eilers.



>>> Guidance Document on Reopening In-Person Behavioral Health Services

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce the release of a new resource to aid behavioral health providers in re-opening in-person services. Click [HERE](#) to download the *Guidance on Reopening In-Person Behavioral Health Services* resource guide.



>>> Changing the Game: Youth Gaming & Gambling Webinar – May 18

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is pleased to partner with Prevention Action Alliance and Ohio for Responsible Gambling to host Changing the Game: Youth Gaming & Gambling webinar on May 18 from 2-4 p.m. Video gaming and gambling have converged for some time now as evidenced by loot boxes and social casino games. But what is the latest research on these and other trends? Do we know how the COVID-19 pandemic has catalyzed growing digital consumption and an increase in e-sports betting? In this webinar, presenters will cover key things you need to know about youth gaming and gambling, specific risk factors for youth, and how we can address—and leverage—these increasingly important issues. This presentation will be provided by Julie Hynes, Executive Director of the Oregon Council on Problem Gambling and on the Board of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Click [HERE](#) to register.

>>> American Heart Association Community Conversation on Smoking, Vaping and COVID-19 – May 20

May is [National Stroke Awareness Month](#). To help raise stroke awareness and prevention, the American Heart Association is hosting a [virtual Community Conversation on Smoking, Vaping and COVID-19](#) on May 20 from noon-1 p.m. Presenters include: Dr. Michael Dohn, medical director, Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County; Dr. Harvey Hahn, director of Kettering Medical Center's Cardiovascular Fellowship Training Program; and Bruce Barcelo, program coordinator, Montgomery County ADAMHS. Please RSVP to Tim.Lewis@heart.org.

>>> Trainings for Latino and Hispanic Services Providers During the Pandemic

The National Hispanic and Latino Mental Health Technology Transfer Center is hosting a series of upcoming webinars to help providers respond to the mental health needs of Latino/Hispanic populations during the COVID-19 crisis.

>>> School SUCCESS Conference Goes Virtual – June 24-26

Miami University's Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs (CSBMHP) [2nd annual School SUCCESS Conference](#) is going virtual. This year's training will be a 3-day online conference (June 24-26) using the school's WebEx Training platform. Conference planners are prioritizing sessions that align with the *Social Emotional Learning Standards*. The training offers 15 contact hours for school personnel and 15 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) for mental health

professionals such as school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists (5 hours per day for each of the three days). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register online.

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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5.13.20 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [What happens when an ongoing epidemic collides with a pandemic? Some who want to get well falter](#)

5.12.20 | *WFMJ-TV* [“Staying connected” helps Ohio senior citizens](#)

5.12.20 | *Spectrum News* [Voices of Resilience podcast continues conversation on mental health](#)

5.12.20 | *WKYC-TV* [A tale of two epidemics: when coronavirus and opioid addiction collide](#)

5.12.20 | *Canton Repository* [Stark County's overdose death toll rises](#)

5.12.20 | *WSYX-TV* [Experts provide tips for healthy transition back to work](#)

5.11.20 | *WKRC-TV* [Managing suicidality in isolation](#)

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