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>>> No-Cost PPE Available for Communities Interested in Hosting Take-Back Day

PreventionFIRST!, through funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), is able to provide PPE at no cost for any community participating in the [DEA Drug Take Back Day](#) on April 24. Please complete the [form link](#) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20. Items will be ordered through PreventionFIRST! via Amazon Prime and directly shipped to the address indicated on the form. Questions? Please email Abby Beasuir abeasuir@prevention-first.org.



>>> enCompass Trainings for Families and Communities

Governor DeWine's RecoveryOhio Initiative and the Addiction Policy Forum are partnering with county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards to host enCompass, a comprehensive training on navigating addiction for Ohioans. This free training session is virtual and open to all adults who want to learn more about addiction and have the skills to respond. Attendees often include families, friends, caregivers, clergy, law enforcement, first responders, healthcare providers, employers, educators, community-based service providers, and anyone interested in learning how to respond to substance use/co-occurring disorders. Like CPR, the course is designed to build the skills to support and respond to someone who needs help. The training will also help participants navigate the resources available in your own community. Click [HERE](#) for a list of upcoming training dates/locations and registration information.

>>> Alcohol: New Challenges, New Approaches Webinar – April 30

In recognition of April as Alcohol Awareness Month, Prevention Action Alliance and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), are partnering to host a pair of free webinars focused on alcohol abuse prevention on April 30. [Officer Jermain Galloway](#), a.k.a. Tall Cop, will present "Environmental Alcohol Prevention Strategies" from 10-11 a.m. [Dr. David J. Hanson](#) will present Back to Basics on Alcohol Education from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for both sessions.

>>> Treatment Advocacy Center, Magnolia Clubhouse Share COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

Research shows that persons with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder are at increased risk of severe illness and death from COVID 19. That's why the Treatment Advocacy Center (TAC) has partnered with Magnolia Clubhouse in Cleveland to help make the vaccination of individuals with severe mental illness a priority. Vaccine hesitancy, limited access to vaccination sites, and transportation are just some of the barriers that make vaccinating this population a challenge. TAC and Magnolia Clubhouse created these [Tips](#) for local public health departments and providers on facilitating a successful vaccination program for people with serious mental illness. The organizations also produced a [Myths & Facts](#) document about the COVID-19 vaccine for people with serious mental illness and their loved ones. Please share these resources widely.



>>> Peer Leadership Training – Limited Seats Available for May 13-14

[Mental Health America of Ohio](#) and [The Communities Project](#), with support from OhioMHAS and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Franklin County, are coordinating a leadership training series for peer recovery supporters. All virtual training sessions are held from 12:45-4 p.m. Participants will have access to six months of

leadership coaching post-training. A limited number of seats remain for the **May 13-14 Leadership Training**. Register today as all other sessions in the series have sold out.

For 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, for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov, and for Vaccine questions email BHCOVID19vaccine@mha.ohio.gov. Ohio Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHSA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

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