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>>> COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls Begin Next Week

Whether you hear myths on social media, at work, or from friends or family, there is a lot of dangerous misinformation out there about COVID-19 vaccines. The truth is that COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and rigorously tested. Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls are designed to help you sift through the myths and learn where you can find reliable, trustworthy information about COVID-19 vaccines. You've got questions, and the upcoming Town Halls will give you answers. Hear from medical experts, community leaders, and public health professionals. Watch livestreams at the following dates and times:

- **Monday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.** – African American Ohioans
- **Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.** – Hispanic/Latino Ohioans
- **Monday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.** – Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
- **Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.** – Rural Ohioans

How to watch: Watch live or on-demand after the event:

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/OHdeptofhealth/>
- YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/OhioDepartmentofHealth1>
- Online - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall>

Watch later on TV: Watch later on the Ohio Channel. Find the date and time, and your local channel by checking with your PBS station or television provider. Learn more at coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall. Click [HERE](#) to download a toolkit to help promote the townhalls. The kit includes sample newsletter articles, social media messages, graphics, and more.

>>> Latest COVID-19 Fact Sheet for BH Providers

The latest COVID-19 fact sheet for behavioral health providers is now available. Click [HERE](#) to view.

>>> Save the Dates: Virtual Power of Postvention Workshop Series

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the American Association of Suicidology, are virtually hosting the *Power of Postvention Workshop Series*, with workshops planned every other Friday beginning on Friday, April 2 at 1 pm. and continuing through Friday June 25. The *Power of Postvention Workshop Series* consists of seven, 75-minute components and will include practical information on the aftermath of suicide so that participants can return to their community with the skills and tools needed to improve the lives of those grieving a suicide. Leading individuals and organizations in the postvention field will present on direct clinical work with loss survivors as well as community and system interventions. More information and registration links will be released soon.

Sessions include:

April 2 – Grief Therapy with Suicide Loss Survivors: Theory and Techniques (Part I)

April 16 – Grief Therapy with Suicide Loss Survivors: Theory and Techniques (Part II)

April 30 – Collaborative vs. Directive: Supporting Children and Adolescents When Someone Dies of Suicide



May 14 – Engaging Communities In The Aftermath of Suicide: Critical Immediate and Long Term Planning Steps For Community Postvention (Part I)

May 28 – Engaging Communities In The Aftermath of Suicide: Critical Immediate and Long Term Planning Steps For Community Postvention (Part II)

June 11 – The TAPS three-phase Postvention Model: A Roadmap Towards Post Traumatic Growth

June 25 – Recovering after Loss: Postvention Strategies for Schools

>>> Youth-Focused Workshop Added to Treating Suicidality Training Series

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce the addition of a fourth workshop for the [Treating Suicidality Training Series](#) to prepare clinicians to provide high-quality suicide care utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for Suicide Prevention. This additional workshop is dedicated to clinicians who work with youth. Nationwide Children’s Hospital will provide the pre-training on the Zero Suicide elements of Identify and Engage. Beck Institute faculty will provide the CBT workshops and consultation: Three sessions focused on adults will be led by Dr. Marjan Holloway, and the fourth session will be led by Dr. Robert Friedberg. This training series is open to licensed or license eligible clinicians who work at OhioMHAS certified community behavioral health agencies. Please click the link above for important information, including participant application, course descriptions, pre-training dates and workshop dates.

>>> New HPIO Policy Brief Examines Economic Impact of ACEs in Ohio



First-of-its kind analysis by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio has found that if adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are eliminated, more than \$10 billion in annual healthcare and related expenses could be avoided in Ohio. The analysis is included in a new HPIO policy brief, [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\): Economic Impact of ACEs in Ohio](#). The study also found that focusing action on reducing ACEs, particularly those associated with behavioral health, can yield significant savings. For example, more than \$4.5 billion in annual spending to treat depression in Ohio is attributable to ACEs. “The research is clear that ACEs result in both significant health and economic impacts,” the brief states.

“Economic costs from ACEs are incurred across the public and private sectors, including substantial costs to the healthcare system. The economic burden of ACEs also impacts the state child protection, behavioral health, criminal justice and education systems, as well as private sector businesses. By preventing and mitigating the impacts of ACEs, policymakers and others can put Ohio on a path towards improved health value.” The brief is the second in three planned briefs as part of HPIO’s Ohio ACEs Impact Project. In August 2020, HPIO released the first brief, [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\): Health impact of ACEs in Ohio](#). A third brief, expected to be released later this spring, will focus on promising practices and interventions.

>>> 4th Annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium – May 6

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in partnership with the National Council on Aging, U.S. Administration for Community Living, will hold the [4th Annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium](#) on May 6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This free, virtual event will feature engaging plenaries, informative sessions, and a diverse array of topics addressing the most pressing needs in older adult mental health. Public health practitioners, professionals in the aging network, mental health providers, health care professionals, and anyone interested in ensuring the mental health of older adults are encouraged to attend. Registration will go live in March.

>>> 2021 NORA Training Calendar Released

The Northern Ohio Recovery Association (NORA) has released its 2021 training and events calendar. Please click [HERE](#) to view.

Pop-Up Testing Sites

WANT TO GET TESTED FOR **COVID-19?**

ANYONE CAN GET A NO-COST TEST AT THESE LOCATIONS WEEK OF FEB. 15–FEB. 20

FEB. 15

Cincinnati*
Richard E. Lindner YMCA
2039 Sherman Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

FEB. 16

Cincinnati*
Richard E. Lindner YMCA
2039 Sherman Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FEB. 18

Burlington
Fayette Township
Fire District
7681 County Road 1
Burlington, Ohio 45680
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



* Hamilton County residents, employees and students only.

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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.

In the News

- 2.16.21 | *East Liverpool Morning-Journal* [New drug testing adopted in ELO court amid pandemic](#)
- 2.16.21 | *NPR* [Why firefighters are facing a growing mental health challenge](#)
- 2.15.21 | *WTOV-TV* [The forgotten epidemic – the opioid crisis – giving a second chance](#)
- 2.15.21 | *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* [Aces of Trades: Rhonda Myers is about helping people as Fairfield County ADAMH Director](#)
- 2.15.21 | *WKBN-TV* [Lisbon recovery center offers free suicide intervention training](#)
- 2.15.21 | *USA Today* [While ER visits were down last year, drug overdoses increased amid pandemic](#)
- 2.15.21 | *WCMH-TV* [Veteran shares story of dealing with PTSD, suicide attempt, while serving](#)
- 2.14.21 | *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [A safer, more just Lucas County](#)
- 2.12.21 | *WTOV-TV* [The forgotten epidemic – the opioid crisis – where's the money?](#)
- 2.11.21 | *WTOV-TV* [Monroe County students benefitting from telehealth pilot program](#)
- 2.11.21 | *USA Today* [Mental health professionals are the ones taking care of us. Who's taking care of them?](#)
- 2.11.21 | *WFMJ-TV* [National 2-1-1 Day: The phone number for help in the Valley](#)
- 2.10.21 | *WHIO-TV* [Pandemic causing rise in teen suicide](#)



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