



News Now

Mike DeWine, Governor
Lori Criss, Director



June 2, 2021

>>> Governor Announces Health Orders Rescinded

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on Tuesday announced that Ohio Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud signed [an order](#) rescinding the following COVID-19-related health orders effective June 2:



- The Director's Order to Limit Access to Ohio's Jails and Detention Facilities.
- The Director's Order to Release Protected Health Information to Ohio's First Responders.
- The Director's Order Requiring the Use of Facial Coverings in Child Education Settings.
- The Director's Order for Retail and Business Compliance for Facial Coverings through the State of Ohio.
- The Second Amended Director's Order on Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services.
- The Third Amended Director's Order on the Opening of Senior Centers.
- The Third Amended Director's Order on the Opening of Adult Day Services Centers.

The following orders remain in effect:

- Order to Require Screening for Admission to State Operated Psychiatric Hospitals or to Department of Youth Services Facilities.
- The Director's Order Designating The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center a Public Health Laboratory.
- The Director's Order to Facilities to Notify Residents, Guardians and Sponsor of Positive or Probable Cases of COVID-19.
- The Director's Order Requiring Reporting and Notification Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade.
- The Director of Health's Order Designating Dayton Children's Hospital as a Public Health Laboratory.
- The Director's Seventh Amended Order to Permit Access to Ohio's Nursing Homes, with Exceptions.
- The Amended Director's Order to Permit Access to Ohio's Residential Care Facilities, with Exceptions.
- The Director's Amended Order for the Testing of the Residents and Staff of all Residential Care Facilities.
- The Director's Amended Order for the Testing of the Residents and Staff of all Nursing Homes.

Note: A significant number of Ohioans remain unvaccinated, including all children under 12. They remain at risk. While masking is no longer mandated, unvaccinated Ohioans should continue wearing masks indoors or in crowded settings where social distancing is not possible. Businesses and organizations can continue to require masking regardless of an individual's vaccination status, including in health care settings. The threat from COVID-19 remains, so individuals should continue taking proper preventative measures including washing, and sanitizing hands and surfaces frequently. [Updated signs](#) are being added to the printable section of coronavirus.ohio.gov.

>>> Community Stakeholder Webinar to Highlight New OhioMHAS Strategic Plan – June 9

Make plans to join Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Lori Criss on **June 9 at 9:30 a.m.** as she outlines the Department's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Click [HERE](#) to view system requirements for attendees.

>>> MACC, Inc. Cultural Competence & Equity Trainings – June 2021

Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence, Inc. (MACC) is hosting a variety of free [trainings](#) focused on cultural competence, health equity and disparities throughout the month of June. The trainings are supported by funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Click the links below for more information and to register. Questions? Please email maccadmin@maccinc.net or call 614.221.7841.

June 3 – 11 a.m. | [Virtual Cost of Poverty Experience \(VCOPE\)](#) | [About VCOPE](#)

June 8 – 3 p.m. | [Virtual Cost of Poverty Experience \(VCOPE\)](#) | [About VCOPE](#)

June 9 – 10 a.m. | [Implementing Enhanced National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service \(CLAS\) Standards](#)

June 11 – 9 a.m. | [Understanding the LatinX Community and the Impact of the Opioid Crisis in Ohio](#)

June 16 – 1 p.m. | [Clinical Intervention with African American Men & Boys](#)

June 18 – 9 a.m. | [HR Training in Response to the COVID-19 and Opiate Crisis](#)

June 23 – 1 p.m. | [Hip Hop Therapy 101: Music & Mental Health with Urban Youth](#)

June 25 – 9 a.m. | [Understanding the LatinX Community and the Impact of the Opioid Crisis in Ohio](#)

June 29 – 1 p.m. | [Clinical Intervention with African American Men & Boys](#)

June 30 – 1 p.m. | [Hip Hop Therapy: Music & Mental Health with Urban Youth](#)



>>> How Nature Positively Impacts Our Well-Being – June 11

As part of the University of Findlay “Fridays at Findlay” executive speaker series, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz will discuss [How Nature Positively Impacts Our Well-Being](#) on June 11 from 8-9 a.m. Director Mertz will be joined by Robin Walters-Powell, Ed.D., director of the Social Work Program and chair of the Healthcare Services Department at the University of Findlay, and Patricia Bakies, RN, PMHNP-BC, a board certified psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at Blanchard Valley Hospital. ODNR and OhioMHAS recently teamed up to launch the Thrive Outside initiative to promote the outdoors and mental wellness. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the initiative.

>>> New Guide: How to Talk About COVID-19 Vaccinations with Individuals Who Have Serious Mental Illness

The rollout of vaccines for COVID-19 presents an opportunity to protect the health of individuals who have serious mental illness (SMI). A [new guide](#) from [SMI Adviser](#) offers simple tips for mental health clinicians on how to talk about the COVID-19 vaccinations with individuals who have SMI. It includes, practical, effective motivational interviewing approaches to guide the discussion.

>>> June is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month

In recognition of June as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, the National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) has released [new resources](#) to help educate the public. NIMH will also host a [livestream event](#) on June 17 from

2-2:30 p.m., featuring NIMH-funded researcher [Barbara Rothbaum](#), Ph.D., ABPP, professor of psychiatry and associate vice chair of clinical research at the Emory University School of Medicine’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Rothbaum is also the executive director of the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program and Trauma and Anxiety Recovery Program. During the event, Dr. Rothbaum will discuss PTSD signs, symptoms, and treatments, as well as the latest research on PTSD. In addition, she will discuss some of the challenges that COVID-19 has presented for individuals living with PTSD and other mental illnesses. Watch the livestream event on NIMH’s [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages.



>>> New SAMHSA Publications: Spanish-Language Tips for Coping with Disaster

SAMHSA has released several new Spanish-language resources to help individuals cope with disasters:

- [Tips for Survivors of a Pandemic: Managing Stress](#)
- [Tips for Survivors of a Disaster or other Traumatic Event: Dealing with Re-Traumatization](#)
- [Tips for Healthcare Providers: Coping with Stress and Compassion Fatigue](#)



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

- 6.2.21 | *NPR* [More kids struggle with mental health challenges because of the pandemic](#)
- 6.1.21 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Ross County teens want to show 'they're not alone' with new peer-to-peer support group](#)
- 6.1.21 | *WFMJ-TV* [How to identify and get help for a gambling problem](#)
- 5.29.21 | *Findlay Courier* [Problem gambling rises amid pandemic](#)
- 5.29.21 | *Mansfield News-Journal* [33 Forever Inc., making inroads in helping those struggling with depression](#)
- 5.29.21 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Cuyahoga County Diversion Center offers new tools for law enforcement](#)
- 5.28.21 | *Athens Messenger* [May is Mental Health Awareness Month](#)
- 5.28.21 | *WKBN-TV* [2021 on track to break record for number of overdose deaths in Trumbull County](#)
- 5.28.21 | *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* [MHARS Board Commits Nearly \\$10M over five years to mental health, addiction crisis center](#)
- 5.27.21 | *WEWS-TV* [Willoughby Municipal Court creates special socket to help veterans in the criminal justice system](#)
- 5.27.21 | *Akron Beacon-Journal* [Aimee Wade named to direct Summit ADM Board](#)

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