DODD Director Jeff Davis is joined by DODD Medical Director Dr. Laura Sorg to discuss an increase in COVID-19 cases in Ohio’s developmental disability community, and the fundamentals of staying safe over the holiday season.

**Latest DODD Guidance and Resources**

The battle against COVID-19 isn’t over. Thank you for what you do every day to support each other and keep Ohio’s developmental disability system steady. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) stands with you, ready to support you.

For nine months, Ohio has been in this together. The department has seen remarkable collaboration and resiliency from Ohioans with developmental disabilities, county boards of developmental disabilities, families, and direct support professionals (DSPs).
As the state of Ohio continues to experience a surge of COVID-19 cases, DODD encourages everyone to be strong and stay safe. Resources are available at coronavirus.ohio.gov to help Ohioans overcome the virus and everything that has come with it. DODD has dedicated resources at the bottom of this communication specific to Ohio’s developmental disability system. This virus is resilient but not as resilient as the human spirit. Ohio will get through this.

As the holidays approach, the department wishes all of you a safe and happy season. Here are the latest guidance messages and resources from DODD.

Guidance

Spread the Cheer, Not COVID-19 This Year

COVID-19 Testing Resources

When COVID-19 Testing is Not Available

Increase in MUIs, Hospitalizations Indicate Need for Caution, Vigilance

Video Message from Director Davis, Dr. Sorg

Resources

21-Day Statewide Curfew - The curfew, issued November 17, does not apply to those going to or from work, those who have an emergency, or those who need medical care.

Grant Assistance Still Available - The application period for the Small Business Relief Grant is now open. More information can be found at BusinessHelp.Ohio.gov.

Ohio Public Health Advisory System

Information and Resources
COVID CareLine: Call 1-800-720-9616 to connect with a behavioral health professional from 8 AM to 8 PM, seven days per week. After 8 PM, the CareLine will forward to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

What COVID-19 Means for Families

What COVID-19 Means for DSPs

DODD support teams are available to help county boards and providers.

DODD has a dedicated web page for department communications and links to helpful resources.

For specific questions about COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov, call your local health department, or call the Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-427-5634.