8/20/20 Provider Call Update

- Public Health Advisory System
  - Hamilton county has moved from red to orange
  - There has been a few hot spots emerge in rural areas
  - State wide mask order remains in effect in all counties and must continue to be observed at ADS settings, on NMT vehicles, and in all shared spaces at county board offices
  - Here is a link to the Public Health Advisory System

- Governor’s office releases language of order requiring masks for all K-12 students this fall
  - Masks are required for all K-12 students while attending in-person classes
  - See the specifics of the order here
  - See the governors order here

- COVID-19 Relief Payment to Waiver Residential Providers Announced
  - The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has worked closely with Governor Mike DeWine’s office, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (OACB), and Ohio’s 88 county boards of developmental disabilities to issue a one-time COVID-19 relief payment to agency and independent waiver residential providers
  - This payment to agency and independent providers of Ohio Shared Living, Homemaker-Personal Care (HPC), and On Site-On Call will amount to approximately $74 million.
  - DODD and ODM will submit this request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as an Appendix K addendum.
  - After CMS approval, DODD will issue the one-time relief payments through the existing reimbursement payment process. No action will be required on the part of providers to receive the payment.
  - See the full notification here

- Regulatory compliance work to begin August 1 (County Boards will begin September 1)
  - See the full notification here

- OSHA Requirements
  - Below are some links and information about N95 respirators and the requirement of N95 respirators when working with people who have tested positive for COVID
    - CDC/NIOSH- Approved N95 Respirators
    - FDA List of approved Respirators (including KN95)
    - Performing a Seal Check When Donning an N95 Mask
    - DODD Long-Term Services and Supports Pre-Serve Planning Toolkit

- HHS Provider Relief
  - HHS and HRS hosted another webinar on the new and streamlined provider relief portal. If you were a Medicare provider that had previously been locked out of the Medicaid release, you can now apply for funds that would make up the difference of what you would have received if you got through the Medicaid release.
    - You should be able to apply through the Provider Relief fund Application and Attestation Portal here
HHS has also updated a new FAQ which can be found here

If you are in need of supplies, please email melissa.stall@warrencountydd.org

If you need staff or have staff in need of work, please reach out to our Provider Development Coordinators at providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org

If you need BCI/FBI background checks completed, the WCBDD is offering them by appointment only. Please email william.caplinger@warrencountydd.org to schedule an appointment.

Please visit our COVID-19 resource page at https://warrencountydd.org/covid-19-wcbdd-resources-and-support