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1) **DODD Encourages COVID-19 Testing**
   a. DODD has updated the corresponding forms referenced in the July 14 updated guidance for adult day services.
   b. The guidance and the Team Acknowledgement Form include references to COVID-19 testing.
   c. COVID-19 testing is not required to return to day programs but should be a part of the team discussion when determining if the person is a good candidate to attend.
   d. Testing centers can be located [here](#).

2) **Updated Guidance: Providers of Waiver-Funded Services**
   a. If provider agencies need to share staff, a statement can be accepted from a DSP’s primary employer stating they have the required training and background checks in order for them to work for a different agency. Effective 9/1/2020, agencies who employ a DSP based on a statement from the primary employer must initiate their own BCII check and complete the required database checks within 10 days of hire. Agencies who hired shared DSPs prior to 9/1/2020 must request a BCII check and complete the database checks by 9/10/2020.
   b. Full guidance can be found [here](#).

3) **Online CPR/First Aid classes are still accepted.**
   a. If CPR/First Aid had expired, the expectation is that an extension is received from the certifying entity.

4) **ODH Updates Guidance for Discontinuing Transmission-Based Precautions**
   a. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has updated guidance for discontinuing transmission-based precautions in COVID-19 patients. Based on these updates, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has updated guidance for Adult Day Services (ADS) and the DODD Companion Guidance and Terms for Using LTSS Toolkit.
   b. The updated ADS guidance now includes information for providers regarding employees who were symptomatic and can return to work 10 days after symptoms first appear, if at least 24 hours have passed since there has been no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, and there has been an improvement in other symptoms.

5) **Health and Welfare Alert: Reporting During COVID-19**
   a. It is critical to continue reporting incidents outlined in OAC 5123:17-02 at all times to protect vulnerable populations.
   b. Find Alert [here](#)

6) **Clarification of Additional Security Options for new OH|ID Dashboard**
   a. Communication sent with downloadable enhancement update packet sent by DODD.
   b. One of the new features for the OH|ID Dashboard is enhance security authentication. There are now three Account Security Levels: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced.
   c. To view the site tour from Innovate Ohio please click [here](#).

7) **Initial Medication Administration Classes Continue to Have Distance Learning Options**
   a. DODD will be proposing changes to the Medication Administration Initial Training class rules with the intent to continue the current COVID-19 relief allowing for part of the training program through on-line platforms rather than entirely in person.
b. In February 2020, a new Medication Administration Certification Category 1 curriculum was published. The original mandatory transition to this tool was to be by July 1, 2020 but has now been postponed so that now all RN Trainers need to plan to use only the new curriculum for all training after October 1, 2020 and Providers will have until January 1, 2021 to transition all uses of the curriculum.

c. The new curriculum can be found on the DODD Medication Administration page

8) Requests for Proposals – DODD Grants
   a. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has three new grant opportunities available. DODD is requesting proposals for the Building Innovative Service Models, Innovative Technology Solutions, and Employment Transformation Projects.

9) Expand Assistive Technology Knowledge for Yourself and Your Teams
   a. With grant funding from the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) is able to offer a variety of training opportunities, online resources, develop a Community of Practice, and provide financial assistance to obtain advanced certifications in Assistive Technology.

10) Foundations for Success 2020 Virtual Training Series - Unusual Incident Investigation Webinar
    a. A joint effort from the Department’s Office of System Support and Standards and MUI unit.
    b. August 25th, 2020 11:00am-1:00pm OR August 26th, 2020 12:00pm-2:00pm

11) Coronavirus Relief Fund Provider Relief Training
    a. The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Webinar recorded July 27, 2020 provides helpful guidance to ICFs related to the use, cost reporting, and tracking of CRF funds. Providers can find a recording and training materials here.

12) Reimbursement for Center Based Services Continues
    a. The modified reimbursement at the Acuity C rate, for services in a group of 10 or less, occurring at a center-based Adult Day Program, per previous guidance is scheduled to continue through August 31, 2020.
    b. This will be reviewed every 30 days.

13) Expanded Workforce Flexibility in HCBS Waiver Programs: Family Members as Providers
    a. ARC of Ohio provided a helpful chart for reference.

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