Provider Monthly COVID-19 Call 05/06/2021

- CDC Extends Eviction Moratorium Again
  o The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) extended the federal eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021.
  o The eviction moratorium is not automatic. Tenants must meet the requirements for the moratorium, and they are required to notify their landlords.
    - The linked [declaration form](#) sets forth the requirements for the moratorium and allows the declarant to "certify" the method by which the landlord received notification.
    - Certification is not required, but advised, as is maintaining a copy of the form.
  o For more information about the moratorium, including links to fact sheets, a webinar, and other useful tools, visit the [COHHIO website](#).

- Public Health Emergency Officially Renewed
  o The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently renewed the determination that a public health emergency exists that was due to expire on April 21, 2021.
  o When Appendix K was submitted it included an additional six months beyond the end of the PHE to allow for the unwinding of the temporary flexibilities and the return to permanent/ongoing services.
  o The current PHE is scheduled to expire on July 20, 2021, unless extended by HHS, which means that the unwinding period will currently expire on January 20, 2022.
  o More information can be found [HERE](#).

- American Rescue Plan Webinars
  o The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) will be providing a series of webinars for local governments regarding updates about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
  o Review information regarding spending down, reporting, and monitoring of Coronavirus Relief Funds, local government eligibility for the Public Assistance program from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the local government provisions in the Governor's Executive Budget.
  o Can sign up for updates and learn more about this webinar series on the [OBM website](#).

- Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention Resources Available
  o The last year has taken its toll on people’s physical and mental health resulting in a rise in attempted suicide and/or unanticipated psychiatric hospitalizations.
  o Addressing suicide attempts isn’t easy and requires a collaborative team effort focused on the individual and family.
  o DODD has provided some data and resources that can be found [HERE](#).

- Adult Day Guidance Update - Team Acknowledgement Form
  o DODD updated the Adult Day Guidance regarding the person-centered team process and the team acknowledgement form.
  o If a person is interested in receiving facility-based day services, teams no longer need to complete the team acknowledgement form.
Once the SSA or QIDP receives a request from the person, parent or guardian, or provider that someone would like to attend facility-based ADS, VH, or ICF Day Program, the SSA or QIDP has seven business days to complete the Risk/Benefit Discussion Guide and outline the plan for resuming facility-based services.

- **Paycheck Protection Program**
  - President Biden signed the PPP Extension Act of 2021 which extends the PPP loan application deadline from March 31st to May 31st and allows the Small Business Administration to take until June 30th to process new loan applications.
  - You can read more [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

- **Appendix K Payment**
  - All payments should have been received direct deposit at this point

- **Quarantine requirement lifted for most vaccinated people, but not congregate facility residents and staff**
  - In his regular COVID-19 briefing on April 27th, Governor Mike DeWine announced that fully vaccinated Ohioans will no longer be required to self-isolate or get a COVID-19 test after a known exposure to the virus.
  - This change, however, **does not** apply to residents and staff who live or work in intermediate care facilities (ICFs) and congregate settings for people with developmental disabilities.
  - Per the addendum to the public health order released Tuesday, ICF and group home residents and staff must continue to quarantine for the seven to 10 days recommended by the U.S. CDC regardless of their vaccination status if they are known to have had contact with an infected person.
  - The Addendum to the Director’s order can be found [HERE](#)

- **Communications Resources Hub – ODH Site**
  - Resources from various sources to help communicate information about the COVID-19 vaccine and related concerns.
  - Resources available include materials to address the general population as well as materials to address specific groups

- **Provider Waiver Certifications and Development Applications Are Still Open**
  - All Provider Certification and Development Applications have been re-opened for submission and previous black-out dates are no longer in effect.
  - Ohio Department of Medicaid continues to work on roll out of its single-entry point for Medicaid providers, the Provider Network Management (PNM) Module.

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If you are in need of PPE supplies or indoor crafts/activities, 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

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