

Ohio State Office of RURAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER



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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Links and contacts for up to date information regarding COVID-19

[State of Ohio COVID-19 Resources, coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

[White House Coronavirus Task Force](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Coronavirus COVID-19 Partner Toolkit](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

Ohio Department of Health
Call Center | COVID-19
Response

1-833-4-ASK-ODH

Open seven days a week 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Regulations & New Rules

Links to press releases, background information, and guidance regarding COVID-19 from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

[COVID-19 Waivers & Guidance](#)

[Current Emergencies \(CMS\)](#)

Angel Flight East/Donated Face Shields Available

[Angel Flight East](#) still has a supply of donated face shields, thanks to Mursix Corporation. Please contact [Jess Ames](#), Outreach & Events Director for more information on PPE delivery or patient flights.

Good News

Hocking Valley Community Hospital President and CEO Graduates from Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program

Hocking Valley Community Hospital congratulates President and CEO Stacey Gabriel, who recently graduated from the National Rural Health Association Rural Hospital CEO Certification Program, the first certification of its kind. In an environment where hospital CEO turnover continues to be high, this program was developed by other successful rural hospital CEOs with the intent of assisting rural healthcare chief executive officers to strengthen skills and create a pool of qualified candidates.



Course curriculum included building blocks on topics of leadership, operations, finance, and clinical, which had been developed by other successful rural hospital CEOs. Throughout the program, participants were partnered with other rural hospital CEO mentors.

Statistics show that one out of three rural hospitals have been identified as “at risk,” and nearly half of rural hospitals are led by first-time CEOs. This program will help improve rural communities in America by stabilizing leadership through education and engagement with other successful CEOs.

“I was excited to learn about this opportunity,” said CEO Stacey Gabriel. “As leaders, we want to ensure we are doing everything we can to the best of our ability. Being part of this pioneer group has been a tremendous experience, and I have learned from colleagues across the nation. Building these relationships will be valuable moving forward as we continue to navigate through rural healthcare waters.”

The mission of this study program is to improve life in rural America by stabilizing rural hospitals through this educational opportunity, assisting CEOs to achieve leadership excellence, thereby benefiting rural communities.

Gabriel graduated from the program on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Leading through Crisis— The Importance of Mindset, Self-Care, and Leader Resilience November 18, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

In this session, Marissa Levine (alumni-VA) will draw on her 16 years of state government service and expertise in leadership to share the important role of mindset, self-care, and resilience with public health professionals leading during the COVID-19 pandemic. Register [here](#).

OACHC
2020 UDS Training -
Virtual Series
December 1: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Operations - 1-5 tables

December 3: 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Clinical - 6a, 6b, 7 tables

December 8: 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Finance - 8, 9d, 9e tables

December 10: 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Q&A
The Uniform Data System (UDS) four-part virtual training covers the preparation of the 2020 UDS Report. Learn more and register [here](#).

Centers for Disease Control &
Prevention - COVID-19
Considerations for Rural
Health
Recorded webinar
View [here](#).

New Phase of Provider Relief Fund Opens for Applications Deadline: November 6

The Ohio Department of Health has received information for stakeholders and associations regarding Phase 3 of the Provider Relief Fund. Information in the toolkit is meant to help you distribute this important information to your contacts.

Access the toolkit [here](#).

Recordings of Ohio Rural Health Conference Now Available

Did you miss the Ohio Rural Health Conference or need a review? Recordings of all sessions from the Ohio Rural Health Conference are now available on the Ohio Rural Health Association's (OHRA) website.

View recordings [here](#).

Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Program Webinar Available Online

The Ohio Department of Health and the Governor's Pandemic Response and Recovery Leadership Team invites you to view a webinar on how to participate in the Ohio COVID-19 Vaccine Program.

This webinar is available on-demand and provides an overview of Ohio's proposed vaccination strategy, as well as detailed instructions if you choose to become a provider of the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. View the webinar recording [here](#).

A job aid on accessing the OHIOID site and a checklist for the Ohio COVID-19 Vaccination Program can be found [here](#) to assist with the enrollment process. Please submit any questions you have to covidvaccine@ODH.ohio.gov.

Veterans Health Administration Employee Education System (EES) Offers Free Education and Training Resources

EES is making numerous online resources available to medical communities and community partners online.

Follow the links below to learn more.

- [Current TRAIN educational offering catalog](#).
- [Subscriber page](#): Learners can sign up by healthcare topic to get email announcements when courses on a specific topic are added.
- [VHA TRAIN data sheet](#): A single-page PDF of key TRAIN information that can be distributed digitally or printed for local use.
- [COVID-19 training website](#): Free COVID-19 specific training.

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (FLEX) Update

For the Flex 2019-20 grant year, we provided eight operational assessments, 15 market assessments, and nine commercial payor benchmarking for Ohio CAHs at no cost to them. We look forward to offering more assessments this new grant year. We hope to have new offerings that you will be able to utilize.

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP) Update

Look out for the new application for SHIP 2021-2022 grant year sometime in December. If you have never applied for SHIP funding before and would like more information, please contact Daniel.Prokop@odh.ohio.gov.

Webinars/Training

Staying Compliant in Your RHC
November 10, 2020 12:00pm-1:00pm

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
[+1 614-721-2972](tel:+16147212972) United States,
Columbus (Toll)
Conference ID: 914 378 91#

Swing Bed Webinar

Ohio CAH Swing Bed Reports and Education

November 12, 2020, 10 a.m.

Stroudwater is hosting a webinar for the Ohio CAH Swing Bed care teams. Paula Knowlton will review the Swing Bed outcomes and where you are compared to national benchmarks.

Carla Wilber will present on how to apply the four P's to your Swing Bed programs.

Register [here](#).



The 10th annual National Rural Health Day is November 19, 2020!

Visit [NOSORH](#) for highlights and happenings for this year's celebration.

Visit PowerofRural.org, to see what else is happening across the country.

Stay tuned to the [State Office of Rural Health](#) for information and updates on National Rural Health Day.

EMS Updates

Remember that free EMS Continuing Education is available 6 - 7 p.m. every Wednesday.

Free Refresher Courses are also available Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, 2021 for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic levels. Register for both [here](#).

Ohio Rural Community Paramedicine Quarterly Call

This call will be quarterly every third Monday of the month and is open to all who are interested. It will be an opportunity for existing and potential community paramedicine programs in rural Ohio to share best practices and struggles. When available, Gary Wingrove from The Paramedic Foundation expects to be on these calls to provide his expertise.

Monday, December 21, 2020 at 2:00pm

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Conference ID: 426 593 848#

Feedback Opportunity Healthcare Stakeholders

The Ohio Rural Health Association, Ohio University, and the State Office of Rural Health are collaborating on the Ohio Rural Health Plan. For the past several years, we have been gathering information from rural healthcare professionals and stakeholders around the state and now we are asking for your help. This short survey asks you to evaluate strategies that could improve access to care in rural areas in Ohio. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Access the survey [here](#).

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Rural Health Resources

[Rural Development - U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)

[RHlhub Funding Opportunities](#)

[Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Funding Opportunities](#)

[Rural Health Research Gateway](#)

[Appalachian Rural Health Institute](#)

[CMS Rural Health Clinics Center](#)

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