



AAA9 Advocate July 2020

COVID-19

Ohio Public Health Advisory System

Governor DeWine, along with other state officials developed the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, which is a color coded system used to determine the level of disease occurrence in all of Ohio's counties. The system assigns a color to each county according to COVID 19 health

numbers. Yellow is the lowest number, while red with a purple star means severe disease spread.

Due to the counties in red, Governor DeWine issued a mandatory mask order in those counties, covering 60% of the state.



For the past three months, AAA9 staff have experienced great changes in the way we conduct business each day. During this time of uncertainty, we have been answering the call, and exceeding our reach to those who currently utilize our services and others who need us. Our focus is to make sure that older and disabled adults are able to obtain the assistance they need to stay safely at home. The following shows several ways AAA9 staff have stepped up to the challenge:

Aging and Disability Resource Network (the front door of AAA9)

- OBLTSS added additional screening questions in relation to COVID. We are providing resources to those with expected exposure, to find the assistance they need in their local communities.
- The Caregiver Program has provided support utilizing virtual methods through COVID, with enhanced calls and virtual support groups.
- The Care Coordination Program has enhanced contacts to individuals and provided COVID related education.

Care Management

Total COVID Related Calls March-May: 9,249

- **1,833 PP Waiver Individuals** were authorized up to 14 emergency meals for a total of up to **25,662 meals authorized.**

Provider Management Division

All senior centers in the state were ordered closed by the Governor's office. AAA9 worked quickly to transition individuals who would come into a senior center for a meal, to delivery of meals to their home. Additional Title III meals delivered were 31,000 in April and 19,300 in May.

AAA9 Celebrates



We celebrated our first year in our new location on July 1, 2020. What a year it has been! From excitement over our newly renovated building, to working remotely for months due to the pandemic.

We would like to thank the leadership of Guernsey County, from Mayor Tom Orr, and Norm Blanchard to members of the city council, for helping to realize our dream. Hopefully soon, an in person celebration can held.



Chronic Pain Virtual Workshop

Our first virtual workshop began on July 20, 2020. Chronic Pain Self-Management is an evidenced based program in which participants can learn how to live a better life with their chronic pain. Anyone can join us on July 27th for session 2. The workshop is free and you need a valid email address along with an internet connection. Please email Carol Baker, cbaker@aaa9.org to sign up.

US Census

Census 2020 is still in progress. Field teams are undergoing training and will be out making in person visits to households who have not completed the Census form. Take a moment to complete yours before someone is at your door!



On the Horizon.....



Coronavirus updates from the Governor's Office

Further updates on the Cares Act

New information on the next stimulus relief package