



## OHIO INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

# Colerain Township Assists Homebound Residents with COVID-19 Vaccinations



Immunization with a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is an important part of the United States strategy to reduce COVID-19 related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths and to restore societal functioning ([Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines, 2021](#)). Vaccinations play an important role in protecting your health and preventing disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.

There are many people that can't get access to the vaccine because they are homebound residents. COVID-19 vaccination of homebound persons has been a challenge due to required vaccine storage temperatures, and handling for administering the vaccine safe and effectively ([Vaccinating Homebound Persons With COVID-19 Vaccine, 2021](#)).

Homebound residents include those that need the help of another person or medical

equipment (crutches, walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home) or their

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The Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP) is a comprehensive state-level injury prevention program to help every Ohioan live his or her life to the fullest potential by reducing death and disability associated with intentional and unintentional injuries.

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medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home.

Colerain Township identified a way to combat this challenge. On March 15, 2021 Colerain Township Department of Fire and EMS became the first fire department in Ohio to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to the homebound residents of Colerain Township. Community Paramedics from the department coordinated the effort after receiving registrations from Hamilton County Public Health. To date, approximately 200 Colerain homebound residents have been vaccinated by the paramedics. This program is another important and innovative step in the Colerain Township Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service's Community Paramedicine Programs. It includes the Quick Response Team to counter the incidents of overdoses, home fall prevention, child car seat installations, and free home smoke detector installations.

## Works Cited

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## Webpage Links

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<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/homebound-persons.html>

## Introducing Ohio's 2020-2022 Strategic Action Plan on Aging

### 2020-2022 Strategic Action Plan on Aging



On March 5, 2021 the Ohio Department of Aging released [Ohio's 2020-2022 Strategic Action Plan on Aging \(SAPA\)](#).

According to the Ohio Department of Aging's website, **"The goals of the SAPA are that all Ohioans live longer, healthier lives with dignity and autonomy and that disparities and inequities among older Ohioans are eliminated.** The SAPA prioritizes 15 issues to improve the lives of all older Ohioans. It then provides a menu of evidence-informed strategies to be implemented at the state and local levels to improve outcomes." The SAPA prioritizes 15 issues across 6 topic areas; tracks the progress of 19 outcomes, highlights opportunities to advance elder justice and equity, provides a menu of evidence-informed strategies and resources to improve outcomes across issues prioritized in the SAPA, and outlines recommendations for data reporting and evaluation.

SAPA priorities include:

- **Community Conditions**, including financial stability, quality and affordable housing, and transportation access;
- **Healthy Living**, including nutrition and physical activity;
- **Access to Care**, including health-care coverage and affordability, home and community-based support, and home care workforce capacity and caregiver supports;
- **Social Connectedness**, including social inclusion and volunteerism;
- **Population Health**, including cognitive, cardiovascular, and mental health; and,
- **Preserving Independence**, including chronic pain management and falls prevention.

For more information about this plan, please visit the Ohio Department of Aging's [website](#).

## Data Updates

### National Survey on Drug Use and Health held by the Data Action Group

A total of 65 people attended the March webinar on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. A recording of the webinar can be viewed [here](#).

### Violence and Injury Prevention Section Data Publications

#### [Suicide Demographic and Trends, Ohio, 2019](#)

**Key findings from this report:** In 2019, 1,809 Ohioans died by suicide. This is a slight decrease from 1,836 suicides in 2018. From 2018 to 2019, the rate of suicide decreased among Black and white non-Hispanic females and increased among Black non-Hispanic males. In 2019, adults 25-44 years of age had the highest rate of suicide, followed by adults 45-64 years of age.

#### [Unintentional Fall Deaths Among Older Adults: Demographics and Trends, Ohio, 2019](#)

**Key findings from this report:** In 2019, the rate of unintentional fall deaths among older adults, aged 65 and older, was 75.7 per 100,000 (1,490 deaths); among females it was 67.4 (816 deaths) and among males 87.4 (674 deaths). From 2010 to 2019, the number and rate of unintentional fall deaths among older adults increased 55% and 35%, respectively. For the majority of unintentional fall deaths among older adults, regardless of sex and age, the injury occurred at home.

#### Data Links

ODH VIPS Injury Data and Publications:

[www.odh.ohio.gov/injurydata](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/injurydata)

Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse:

<http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/EDW/DataCatalog>

### SAMHSA's National Prevention Week

National Prevention Week (NPW) is a public education platform that promotes prevention year-round through providing ideas, capacity building, tools, and resources to help individuals and communities make substance use prevention happen every day. Each year around this observance, communities and organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health.

**For more information please visit:** [SAMHSA's National Prevention Week](#).





## Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Group

### Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence 2021 Annual Conference

**Restoring Our Roots: Cultivating Community.  
Fostering Innovation. Nourishing Relationships.**

### 2021 Annual Conference

June 21 - June 24



Restoring our roots takes time. Any arborist would agree. Last year was a testament to the gradual, continual process of restoration. We did some digging, tested the soil, planted some seeds, and did some necessary pruning. We need these trees to be free of the weeds that have hindered their growth for years. To be restored in the roots of accountability, restorative and transformative justice, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in order for it to bloom!

Interested attendees can visit [oaesv.org](https://oaesv.org) once registration is live.

### Brain Injury and Interpersonal Violence.... A Collaborative Effort

This nine-minute video, through The Ohio State University's (OSU) Office of Research Spotlight Series: [Discovery Through Community-Research Partnerships](#), highlights how the strong partnership between the Ohio Domestic Violence Network and OSU discovered a huge unidentified public health crisis. Brain injury caused by interpersonal violence, including partner-inflicted brain injury—as well as ODVN's CARE (Connect, Advocate, Respond, Evaluate) framework to meet the needs of survivors impacted by brain injury in DV programs. Dr. Nemeth sums up the incredible significance of this work by saying:

*"We (Ohio State University and researchers) need the community as much as the community needs us. And when we work together respecting the insight the other brings, all of our worlds are transformed. In my case, I'm convinced we've discovered a mechanism fueling health disparities among our most vulnerable populations—and our community-research partnership (ODVN) will be the foundation upon which a more equitable future is built."*



Follow along with Dr. Julianna Nemeth in this 9-minute video and learn how community advocates and research scientists worked together on this important public health crisis.

## OIPP Action Group Updates

### Ohio Overdose Prevention Network (OOPN)

#### Save the Date

Annual Ohio OPN Conference Webinar Dates  
(registration link will be shared via OIPP listserv):

- Tuesday, August 24
- Thursday, August 26
- Tuesday, August 31

### Ohio's 2021 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference

#### Exploring Better Pathways for Care

**May 11-13, 2021 \* Virtual \* Ohio's 2021 Opiate Conference (oacbha.org)**

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, will host Ohio's 2021 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference: Exploring Better Pathways for Care on May 11-13, 2021. This will be Ohio's eleventh annual Opiate Conference and its first ever virtual Opiate Conference experience. The conference will focus on opiates, stimulants, and other substance use disorders, specifically on efforts related to prevention, education, intervention, treatment, recovery, family supports, community engagement, and more.

#### Subcommittee Updates

OPN members have continued to advance strategies during the pandemic, current projects include:

- ODMAPs Toolkit (Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program)
- OFR Toolkit (Overdose Fatality Review)
- Harm Reduction Sustainability and Syringe Service Program (SSP) Survey
- Comprehensive Sustainable System (CSS) Success stories
- Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in correctional facilities brief

### Ohio OPN Pilot Project Updates

#### Family Recovery Center

Family Recovery Center (FRC) was awarded pilot project funding to increase awareness of the



naloxone programs in

their county with the goal of distributing more Narcan kits. Community visualization through four billboards is being tracked on a feedback form, with a combined 61,000 estimated views per week. In January, a total of 61 kits were distributed and 26 were attributed to the billboard for a 43% increase. In February, 37 kits were distributed and 9 indicated the billboard brought them to FRC for an increase of 24%. Staff has also reached out to local partners to reach the broader community and family and friends of those with substance use disorder.

#### Huron Mental Health and Addiction Services Board

Huron Mental Health and Addiction Services Board was awarded pilot project funding to implement a



Project DAWN program in their county. Marketing materials were developed and distributed, and in March the Project DAWN site was officially open to the public. The local QRT team has worked to implement Cordata, a data tracking system that can be used by multiple partners. The QRT team has worked to establish a routine of promptly entering visit information into the system. In addition, increased MAT awareness was a goal of the project; however, they encountered community resistance to this messaging. They have determined first steps will rely on a general anti-stigma campaign regarding the use of MAT.

## OIPP Action Group Updates

### Federal Funding May Now be Used to Purchase Fentanyl Test Strips

On April 7, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced that federal funding may now be used to purchase fentanyl test strips (FTS) to help reduce the incidence of overdose deaths. FTS, also a growing harm reduction strategy, can be used to determine if drugs have been mixed or “cut” with fentanyl. The testing strips will allow people who use drugs and the community to gain important information about the growing presence of fentanyl in the illicit drug supply and serves as a measure towards reducing the risk of overdose. This change applies to all federal grant programs as long as the purchase of the FTS is consistent with the purpose of the program, i.e. SAMHSA’s State Opioid Response (SOR) funds and CDC’s Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) funds. ODH is still awaiting additional guidance on the use of funding by local projects for test strips.

To view the announcement from SAMHSA, please visit:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/202104070200>.

### Ohio OPN Upcoming Subcommittee Calls:

#### Data

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday’s at 10:30am) Bi-monthly

- May 4
- July 6

#### Harm Reduction

(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday’s at 10:00am)

- May 19
- June 16
- July 21

#### Pain Management

(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday’s at 2:00pm) Bi-monthly

- June 2
- August 4

#### Policy

(1<sup>st</sup> Thursday’s at 11:30am) Bi-monthly

- May 6
- July 1

## Child Injury Action Group (CIAG)

### FY21 2nd Quarter Update

#### Strategic Plan

Watch the CIAG for more information as we begin the process of updating our plan for 2022!

#### CIAG Training

This year, CIAG Leadership we will be hosting a webinar series (late summer/early fall 2021).

Watch for more details on how to participate in the FREE trainings and workshops!

#### Did you know? May is....

- National Bike Month
- National Electrical Safety month
- Trauma Awareness month
- National Water Safety month
- National Child Passenger Safety Technician month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports month
- Mental Health month
- Global Youth Traffic Safety month
- National Heat Stroke Prevention Day (May 1)
- Bike to School Day (May 5)
- National Police Week (May 9-15)
- EMS Week (May 16-22)
- National Safe Boating Week (May 22-28)

#### June

- National Safety Month
- Check out the National Safety Council for more observances!
- Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioCIAG>.

## Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition (OOAFPC)

### 2021 Meeting Schedule

The OIPP and Ohio Falls Coalition will attempt to return to the traditional in-person meeting schedule in 2021. While the February 5 and May 7 meetings were held and planned virtually, it is still being determined if the August 6 and November 5 meetings will be held virtually or in person.

### OOAFPC Pilot Projects

**2021 Projects** – October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

The 2021 projects are underway. One project has been delayed due to COVID-19.

The 2022 RFP will be available in April 2021. More details to come.

### Strategic Planning

The Ohio Falls Coalition will review and update our state plan during the summer of 2021. The current five-year plan is slated to end December 31, 2021. The Ohio Falls Coalition will be working with the other state coalitions/action groups of the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership and The Ohio State University to complete this strategic planning update. More details to come.

### Subcommittee Updates

**Awareness** – Save the Date for August 20, 2021! The Ohio Falls Coalition will be hosting the virtual Fall Prevention Symposium! The Awareness Committee is hard at work to plan for this jam-packed one-day conference. More details to come soon.

**Promotion** – The Promotion Committee welcomes Emily Vassallo as the new co-chair. The Promotion Committee has also been hard at work on the Tai Chi instructor survey which was released at the end of January. The survey closed on February 19. The pilot project application for 2022 was released in March/April 2021. There will be a requirement to have a backup plan for activities to be virtual. Assistance will be needed in reviewing applications. Please look for a call for assistance with this project.

**Infrastructure** – The Coalition has 217 members. The Infrastructure Committee wants to welcome new co-chair Megan Smith from Washington County. The committee is also working on the biannual member survey. Please consider participating in this survey and providing feedback to improve the Coalition's efforts.

**Policy** – The Policy Committee is working to plan educational sessions and webinars on successful policy change initiatives. Look for more information soon!

**Follow us on Facebook at Ohio Older Adult Falls Prevention Coalition and Twitter at @stopfallsOhio.**

**Facebook Link:** <https://www.facebook.com/Ohio-Older-Adult-Falls-Prevention-Coalition-317682428416812/>.

### Message from ODH VIPS:

Did you miss the sign-up for free Tai Chi for Arthritis Facilitator training in April and May? No worries. ODH is happy to announce it will be hosting another free virtual Tai Chi for Arthritis facilitator training in August 2021. Advertisement for this will be shared once available. Spots will be limited and based on high burden need areas and gaps in community resources.





## What's Happening Around Ohio

### Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP)

For the past 11 years the Ohio AAP's Put-A-Lid-On-It! Bike Helmet Safety Program has been working to promote bike helmet safety and injury prevention through education and distribution of bike helmets. May is National Bicycle Safety Month and the perfect time to remind children to always wear their helmets when riding a bike this summer! Communities can continue spreading awareness on the benefits and necessity of bike helmet use through outdoor socially distanced bike rodeos, writing a letter to your local paper, or sharing on social media — just like our Put-A-Lid-On-It community partners do! To learn more about bike helmet safety and the Put-A-Lid-On-It program please visit <http://ohioaap.org/putalidonit>.

For more information, please contact: [osimon@ohioaap.org](mailto:osimon@ohioaap.org).



### Crawford County Public Health

During the month of March, Crawford County Public Health invited the Drug Overdose Prevention Coalition Coordinator, Christi Eckert, to come to our COVID-19 vaccine clinics to set up information and distribute information on proper disposal of unused/unwanted medications. Christi spoke with a few hundred individuals and was able to distribute 140 DeTerra disposal pouches.

For more information, please contact:

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### Northern Ohio Trauma System

The Northern Ohio Trauma System (NOTS) provided a virtual educational session to 25 community participants about falls prevention on January 28, 2021. They are currently in the process of filming a falls prevention video. The video includes interviews with collaborating partners from the local trauma hospitals and community volunteers, which will be available on the [Northern Ohio Trauma System \(NOTS\)](https://www.northernohiotraumasystem.org) website in June.

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## What's Happening Around Ohio

### The Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) at Nationwide Children's Hospital

The Center for Injury Research and Policy (CIRP) at Nationwide Children's Hospital is hosting Virtual Professional Consultations and Collaborations. It is a free consultation and mentoring service for injury professionals and students to connect with CIRP faculty and senior staff via phone, WebEx, or Zoom. Injury professionals and students are often looking for a coach or mentor outside of their institution. Let's Connect provides an opportunity for them to connect with CIRP faculty and senior staff as part of a comprehensive professional mentoring and collaboration process. The Principal Investigators and senior staff are available to discuss a variety of topics including child injury prevention, health communication, home safety, sports injuries, trauma, and teen driving. To learn more about their mentors, visit the website: <https://bit.ly/CIRPLetsConnect>. For more information, please contact: [Laura.Dattner@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:Laura.Dattner@nationwidechildrens.org).



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Consultations and Collaborations

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#### Kendal at Home

Kendal at Home Care Coordinator, Terri Lanham, is committed to decreasing the risk of falls in the elderly. Terri has recently become a certified Balloflex instructor and conducts two virtual classes per month for our Kendal at Home Members. Balloflex is a seated fitness program set to music that is easy and effective for everyone, no matter their fitness level. It is a fun, engaging way to build core strength while addressing all major muscle groups. Kendal at Home is designed for older adults who would like to maintain their independence, want security for their future and are planning to stay in their own home. For more information on Kendal at Home please visit [www.kendalathome.org](http://www.kendalathome.org) or contact Marla Gordon, Director of Clinical Services at [mgordon@kahome.kendal.org](mailto:mgordon@kahome.kendal.org). For more information, please contact: [mgordon@kahome.kendal.org](mailto:mgordon@kahome.kendal.org).

### Dayton Children's Hospital

Dayton Children's Hospital has been able to host drive-through car seat distribution for families in their community. During these events, families stay in the car as Child Passenger Safety Technicians go inspect the car seat, assist with installation and provide education, all while remaining socially distanced. For more information about Dayton Children's Hospital car seat events during COVID-19, please contact Alexa Wene at [wenea1@childrensdayton.org](mailto:wenea1@childrensdayton.org).

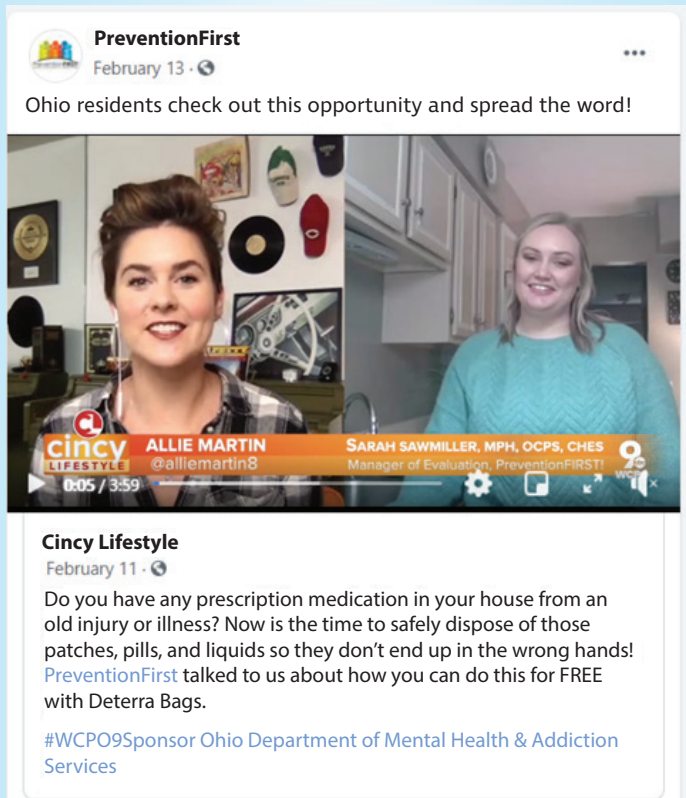
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## What's Happening Around Ohio

### PreventionFIRST

PreventionFIRST! has been working hard on the Ohio Rx Disposal project promoting how Ohio Residents can request a Detera Bag to be mailed to them at no cost, thanks to Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services. They recently filmed a video with WCPO Cincy Lifestyles answering questions about the project and demonstrating how to use a Detera Bag. Here is a link to the video on Facebook: <https://fb.watch/4AeX7B-PGE/>  
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### FOX Rehabilitation

At FOX Rehabilitation, the Occupational Therapists assess ability, the task, and the environment to determine what areas need to improve- whether that's strength, balance, endurance, or modification of the task or environment. This includes the safety and participation in the task. FOX Occupational Therapist Katherine Cooper provided skilled therapy so Annette could independently, and pain free use her bathroom safely.

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## What's Happening Around Ohio

### People Working Cooperatively Whole Home/Innovation Center

PWC's Whole Home Innovation Center in Cincinnati stepped into action last year and created the "Safe and Healthy at Home Series" which focused on Fall prevention, Exercise, Nutrition, Covid-19 safety tips, common safety home hazards, and best practices for aging in Place. Weekly videos were created for the public at large via Facebook entitled "Whole Home Wednesday". These 3-minute vignettes offer a variety of tips on subjects ranging from safe cleaning, lead paint, falls, grab bars, what you should do before letting a contractor in your home and more! Visit their Whole Home Resource Blog at <https://wholehome.org/home-2/tips-for-a-healthy-home/>.

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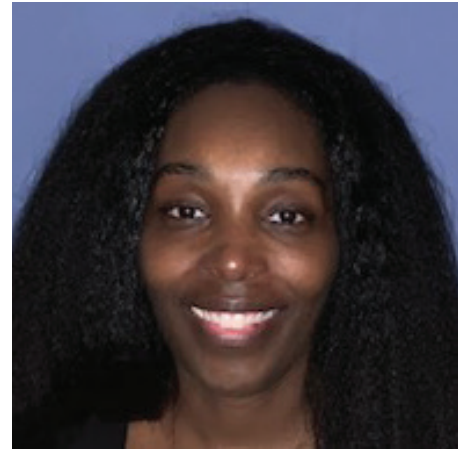
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### Ohio Injury Prevention Meeting Dates Section

- (Virtual) Friday, May 7
- Friday, August 6
- Friday, November 5

### OIPP Membership

Please complete the online membership form to ensure that you will receive updates about OIPP. Please email Meleesha Hodge at [Meleesha.Hodge@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Meleesha.Hodge@odh.ohio.gov) with any questions regarding membership in OIPP.

Membership signup  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6XZ98MF>.