



News from the COLLABORATIVE

April Features

Resources from Central Ohio Healthcare Organizations

A look at what our local partners are doing to support patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic

COPC: Central Ohio Primary Care sticking with telehealth

Here's what going to the doctor could look like post-coronavirus. Less than a month ago, Dr. Matthew Skomorowski had a waiting room full of patients. The second week of April, he said, "There's not a single person in my lobby. We don't want people to come into the office."

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OSU: As health facilities reopen for more medical procedures, here's what to expect

Our hard work and sacrifice are paying off. As in other parts of the country, by limiting our movements and reducing our exposure to COVID-19, Ohioans have so far been able to prevent a massive spike in cases that could have overwhelmed our state's hospitals and health care workers.

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OhioHealth: Desperate need for convalescent plasma donors



Central Ohio Pathways HUB COVID-19 Response

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the role and potential of the HUB and our CCAs, CHWs and Supervisors is multi-faceted. HUB CHWs are already on the front lines ensuring that clients are connected to care and services. They continue to enroll and educate clients on the virus itself as well as other critical pieces of information like the telemedicine options available to clients, how to maintain necessary appointments, what social service agencies are

George Tzagournis donated plasma this week through the American Red Cross. He said it was the right thing to do as someone who'd fully recovered from COVID-19 in mid-March. Tzagournis marked his first asymptomatic day on March 28.

The milestone put him a category that OhioHealth infectious disease specialist Dr. Joseph Gastaldo, who is on the 10TV Team of Experts, urged to make life-saving donations.

"The whole theory is that when you recover from COVID-19, your body produces antibodies and in that situation we call that special component of the blood convalescent plasma," said Dr. Gastaldo.

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Mount Carmel: Medical Supply Donations

We are incredibly humbled and honored by the offers we've received to donate needed medical supplies during the COVID-19 outbreak. In response to your generosity, we have opened five sites across central Ohio where you can now drop off new, unopened medical supplies. We can't thank you enough for your outpouring of support and the care you're showing to our colleagues who are risking so much to keep our community safe.

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Syntero: Supporting Your Child While Staying at Home: Helpful Tips from Syntero Clinicians

Syntero School-Based Clinicians Amanda Niedermeyer, M.S. Ed, LPCC-S, and Shantel Jackson, LPCC, provide tips to help parents support their children's overall health and wellness while staying at home.

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still open, new transportation guidelines, designated food pick-up opportunities and more. We believe that in addition to their normal duties, our CHWs can continue to educate the community, while also serving the greater efforts to combat COVID-19 and ease its aftermath.

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May HCGC Webinar Series

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Insights from the HCGC Blog



Society Groundhog Day Amidst a Prolonged Pandemic

From the Columbus Medical Association Blog

by CMA Member, Dr. Sugat Patel

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Dr. Sugat Patel's thoughts are based on what is known as of 4/17/2020.

My aim is to start a discussion on the restart of our society considering the COVID-19 pandemic will endure until there is a significant treatment or vaccine. Understanding that we may have to wait for a year or possibly more, we will have to eventually emerge, risking exposure of ourselves and loved ones to the virus. I don't want to be long-winded, so I am going to try and present this argument by given, assumed, then proposed.

Given (learned)

Our practices of staying at home, social distancing, and using masks have helped to flatten the curve. We are below hospital capacity and need to stay there. Our top priorities are to not exceed hospital capacity and to have enough PPE to make healthcare as safe as possible. Circumstances, where the virus is aerosolized, require maximum grade PPE. Any plan that compromises those priorities is a failure. Spread is largely through asymptomatic carriers. Many asymptomatic carriers are children. The elderly and people with comorbid conditions are extremely susceptible to morbidity and mortality.

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Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Featured Article



Research to Improve Minority Mental Health

One in six US adults lives with a mental illness such as depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety disorders, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Compared with non-Hispanic whites, racial and ethnic minorities have less access to mental health care, are less likely to receive diagnoses of mental illnesses, and have poorer mental health outcomes.

[Read more on PCORI's website](#)



Articles of Interest & Upcoming Partner Events

[Friday Webinar: How Counties and Caseworkers are Responding to COVID-19](#)

[Survey: How has COVID-19 affected you and the people you serve?](#)

[HEAP Assistance Extended](#)

[National Healthcare for the Homeless Council: COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Urban Institute: COVID-19: Policies to Protect People and Communities](#)

[It is not too late to fill out the 2020 US Census](#)

[City of Columbus Opiate Crisis Tools and Resources](#)

[IHI Webinar: Telemedicine: COVID-19 and Beyond](#)



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