



PROVIDER ALERT

BHA COVID-19 Survey, Protocol, and Resources

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The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) regularly releases guidance and resources related to COVID-19. Here is the latest information:

BHA created a new, brief survey for all Behavioral Health System stakeholders about the impact of the pandemic. This is a follow-up to a similar survey sent in May. BHA will use the responses to this follow-up survey to develop interventions to address the consequences of this crisis on behavioral health consumers' health care-seeking behaviors.

- [Learn more about the survey from BHA Deputy Secretary Dr. Aliya Jones](#)
- [Take the confidential and anonymous survey now](#) (complete by September 25)

BHA released new COVID-19 positive test protocol and a reporting form for OTPs and Residential/Congregate Living Facilities:

- [Learn more about the protocol from BHA Deputy Secretary Dr. Aliya Jones](#)
- [Protocol for the BHA COVID-19 Positive Test Reporting Form for OTPs and Residential/Congregate Living Facilities](#) (September 15)
- [Reporting form](#) (September 15)

These can be found at the top of [BHA's COVID-19 webpage](#).

Resource: Free Mental Health Support for Nursing Home Staff

The Maryland COVID-19 Crisis Support Program provides free, confidential mental health support to employees working in nursing homes and other long-term care support facilities who have been affected by COVID-19.

Under this program, licensed mental health clinicians are available virtually for group or individual sessions, with staff from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) onsite at your facility to assist personnel with training and mental health services.

[Learn more](#) or get help now: For urgent requests, call 1-800-648-3001. To receive mental health services for yourself or your organization visit bit.ly/marylandcovidsupport. For questions, email miemss.crisisresponse@maryland.gov.

BHA will continue to update behavioral health COVID-19 related FAQs on the [BHA website](#). Please visit frequently for the latest information. Also, please submit any COVID-19 related questions [here](#) or you can email bha.inquiries@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team