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SAMHSA
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COVID-19: Resources and Response Efforts

- Considerations for Outpatient Mental and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Settings
- TAP 34: Disaster Planning Handbook for Behavioral Health Treatment Programs
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Guidance (SOTA)
- OTP Guidance for Patients Quarantined at Home with the Coronavirus
- Use of Telemedicine While Providing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- FAQs: Provision of methadone and buprenorphine for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in the COVID-19 emergency
- Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19
- Emergency Grants to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders During COVID-19

Capacity Expansion

Division of Pharmacologic Therapies (DPT)

DPT manages the day-to-day oversight activities necessary to implement federal regulations on the use of substance use disorder medications such as methadone and buprenorphine.

- Supports the accreditation and certification of more than 1,700 opioid treatment programs (OTPs) that collectively treat more than 300,000 patients each year under 42 CFR Part 8.
- Implements DATA 2000 Waiver Program
- Manages Providers' Clinical Support System (PCSS) and PCSS Universities Program
- DPT has processed over 4000 OTP exception requests during the crisis
- SAMHSA has approved 4679 newly waived providers and increased the patient limits of 1548 providers in the past 10 weeks
- Since February 2, 2020, an additional 163 practitioners have also exercised a temporary increase to treat up to 275 patient to address emergency situations.
- Regular contact with State Opioid Treatment Authorities

The Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC) help providers improve their services capability

- Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network: <https://attcnetwork.org/>
- ATTC Pandemic Response Resources - <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/pandemic-response-resources>
- Substance Use Disorder Services in the Days of a Pandemic: You Need A Bigger Boat! Providing SUD services during a pandemic requires a mix of disaster preparedness, safety precautions, telehealth, and ethics.
- Telehealth Learning Series for SUD Treatment and Recovery Support Providers
- Online Telephone and Support Groups Treatment providers and peer support specialists looking for online and telephone support groups for their patients/peers should review the list compiled by the Mountain Plains ATTC.
- Healing the Healer: Employing Principles of Neuroscience, CBT, and MI to Understand and Treat Compassion Fatigue Among Human Services
- A Guide to Using Text Messages to Improve Substance Use Treatment Outcomes Helping individuals remain in treatment or continue to participate in recovery support services can be difficult

TIP 63 - Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

Update changes: Overviews

1. Updating statistics from SAMHSA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other health authorities on opioid-related deaths, overdoses, accidents, and hospitalizations.
2. Updating the expanded list of other qualifying practitioners who are eligible to apply for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (i.e., clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and certified nurse midwives).
3. Clarifying that buprenorphine is available in an extended-release injection formulation. Adding information about the use of subdermal formulations of buprenorphine (i.e., Probuphine and Sublocade).
4. Adding information about possible clinical interactions between formulations of Buprenorphine and Naltrexone with various other medications and products.
5. **Improving the language to make clear the importance of testing for HIV and Hepatitis C.**
6. Updating recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force on performing drug screening for adults in primary care settings.
7. Removing or replacing broken hyperlinks to online resources.