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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNTY CLERKS

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RE: JANUARY 14, 2021 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [OBM Ideas on How to Use Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
3. [OBM CARES Act Funds Guidance 11.20.2020](#)
4. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
5. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 9.2.2020](#)
6. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 10.19.2020](#)
7. [CAB: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Public Employees](#)

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Gov. DeWine Press Conference: Phase 1B COVID-19 Vaccination Program rollout update

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine discussed thanked county commissioners, mayors, and local health commissioners for their partnership with the state throughout the pandemic and during this new phase of the vaccine rollout. The state will continue to rely on feedback from locals to make improvements to this process.

The rollout of [Phase 1B](#) of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program is still planned for next week. 750 locations across the state will begin vaccinating Ohioans 80 and older beginning Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week depending on when the shipments are delivered to each county. Every Ohioan 80 and older will not be able to get the vaccine next week. 100,000 doses are coming to Ohio next week, but there are 420,000 Ohioans 80 and older.

Local health departments are in the process of announcing the locations of vaccines. That process should be completed by the end of the day tomorrow. All health departments have been asked to update their webpages with the locations by tomorrow.

Ohio is launching its online list of vaccine providers tomorrow at 8 a.m. on coronavirus.ohio.gov. The list will be searchable by county and zip code.



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Individual locations are responsible for their own scheduling. The state is looking into securing a central scheduling system for the state, but during the rollout next week each provider will be responsible for scheduling.

The governor emphasized that the state will continue to learn and adjust throughout this process. For example, the state made the decision to start with several locations and local sites with a smaller number of doses at each location to ensure that many communities have access. In the coming weeks, the state plans to move to a hybrid model with larger central sites available in addition to local sites, such as pharmacies.

Dr. Vanderhoff, Chief Medical Office at ODH, stated that he anticipates the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be the next to come up for consideration and approval, though the timeline for this is unknown. The AstraZeneca vaccine has been approved in the United Kingdom, but the UK process is different than the US process.

The administration released this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. Every county in the state of Ohio continues to be a high incidence county.

Purple Level 4 Counties: Hamilton.

“Watch list” for Purple Level 4: Clermont and Lorain.

Orange Level 2 Counties: Gallia, Hocking, Monroe and Vinton.

All other counties are Red Level 3.

The state's Public Health Advisory System website includes an interactive map detailing indicators in each county, which you can find [here](#).

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#) is live. For more information about Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](#). The state's communications toolkit for the vaccination program can be found [here](#). NACo provided a communications toolkit as well that can be found [here](#).

There were 7,654 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 340 additional hospitalizations and 37 additional ICU admissions in the past 24 hours. To view the latest COVID-19 data, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](#).

A video of the governor's January 14th press conference can be found [here](#). Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](#).

Upcoming CCAO Webinar – Federal Policy Developments and their Impacts on Public Employers in 2021 – January 15

CCAO will host a webinar titled “Federal Policy Developments and their Impacts on Public Employers in 2021” on **Friday, January 15, 2021 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** This webinar will review employment and HR policy challenges that arise from the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the passage of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Counties will be faced with decisions about whether to require certain employees to receive a vaccine, and how to manage COVID-related personnel issues with the expiration of paid employment leave and temporary FMLA provisions from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The webinar will also review the impact of federal law changes on unemployment compensation policy.

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Click [here](#) to register for this timely educational opportunity. If you are unable to register to the link above, please email Nedra Benson, nbenson@ccao.org, CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

ODJFS Issues a Record Amount of 1099 Tax Forms, Online Fraud Form and Guidance Available for ID Theft Victims with Unemployment Claims

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will be issuing 1.7 million 1099-G tax forms throughout the month of January pursuant to federal law that requires reporting of unemployment benefits. ODJFS has created a new online portal that provides a direct way for Ohioans to notify the agency if they believe their identity was stolen and used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim. Individuals who believe their identity was stolen and used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim should visit unemployment.ohio.gov, click on the “Report Identity Theft” button, and complete the reporting form. To read more, click [here](#).

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, January 3, 2021, through Saturday, January 9, 2021

Ohioans filed 37,309 initial jobless claims last week, according to statistics the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported to the U.S. Department of Labor today. This was 236,906 fewer than – or about 13% of – the peak last year. To read more, click [here](#).

Other Resources

[Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#)

[Public Health Advisory System Map and Resources](#)

[Ohio COVID-19 Travel Advisory Information](#)

[Current Information Regarding Reopening](#)

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[NACo COVID-19 webpage](#)

Visit <https://ccao.org/resources/coronavirus-updates/> for updates, FAQs and previous memos. Current information from the Ohio Department of Health can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov. If you want to help Ohio's response to this pandemic, you can contact the state at together@governor.ohio.gov. If you have questions regarding this memo or best practice suggestions relating to COVID-19, please contact Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.