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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: JANUARY 26, 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 1.19.2021](#)
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](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

Gov. DeWine Press Conference: Pathway out of curfew; vaccine supply update

Gov. DeWine's announcements from today's press conference are summarized below.

Curfew: Gov. DeWine discussed the current 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew that is set to expire on Saturday. He gave new benchmarks to when the curfew will be shortened or removed entirely based on the COVID-19 patients in Ohio hospitals each day. That data can be found [here](#). If for 7 consecutive days, the number of COVID-19 positive patients in Ohio's hospitals is below 3,500, the curfew will move to 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for a two-week period. If that number drops below 3,000 for 7 consecutive days, the curfew will move to midnight to 5 a.m. for a two-week period. If the number drops below 2,500, the curfew will be lifted. If, however, hospitalizations go back up, the administration would have to act quickly to re-implement the curfew.

Vaccine Supply: Ohio is currently receiving 146,000 vaccine doses per week on average (for the first dose), split evenly between Moderna and Pfizer. Until now, more vaccines have been going to Phase 1A Ohioans. Because Ohio is starting to finish up Phase 1A vaccinations, more vaccines will be available for Phase 1B Ohioans. This week, more than 100,000 vaccines will be devoted to Phase 1B older Ohioans.

Additionally, Because Ohio is not drawing down all the vaccine doses that the federal government required Ohio to set aside for nursing homes (because not all residents/staff are choosing to receive the vaccine), we will have another 77,000 doses over the next 2 weeks to distribute in the community.



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Vaccination Program: This week, Ohioans age 75 and older are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Additionally, Ohio began vaccinating Ohioans with severe congenital, developmental, and early onset medical disorders and developmental disabilities. Local boards of developmental disabilities are reaching out to schedule those vaccines.

The governor announced that on February 8th the administration will be taking vaccines into affordable senior housing locations.

Vaccines and Schools: The governor emphasized that we continue to have a scarcity of vaccines and thus have to balance vaccinating older Ohioans with vaccinating school staff. The administration's goal is to have children back in school by March 1. The process of vaccinating school employees will start on Thursday. Not every school will be able to start at the same time and each school will be notified of their scheduled time by Friday. The goal is to get every adult working in a school who wants the vaccine their first dose in February.

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#) is live. Information about which providers are currently giving vaccinations in each county can be found at vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov. 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 4,262 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 295 additional hospitalizations and 40 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 26th press conference can be found [here](#). Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Controlling Board approves \$100 million request for rental and utility assistance program

Yesterday, the State Controlling Board approved a \$100 million appropriation request to fund a Rental Assistance Program administered by the Development Services Agency in FY 2021. This will allow the use of federal funds made available from the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, to support state efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Consolidated Appropriations Act provides states funds to assist Ohioans impacted by the pandemic with rent, rent arrears, utilities and home energy costs, and utility and home energy costs arrears.

Funds will be awarded by the Development Services Agency to local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and allocated according to the low-to moderate income populations and unemployment rates within each county. Families must be at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI) are eligible for assistance. The landlord must also agree to not evict the client after funds have been received for the past due arrearages. Community Action Agencies had previously received CARES Act funds through ODSA to administer a similar program.

OBM Reporting Timelines for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds

Reporting (updated January 19, 2021)

OBM will require reporting in the OBM grants portal. The Grant Contact listed on the registration will be provided a log-in to access and complete the financial status reports. Here is the following table of reporting periods and due dates:

Reporting Cycle	Reporting Period	Due Date
Cycle 1 & 2	March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020	October 20, 2020
Cycle 3	October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	January 6, 2021
Cycle 4	January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021	April 6, 2021
Cycle 5	April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021	July 6, 2021
Cycle 6	July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021	October 6, 2021
Cycle 7	October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	January 5, 2022

Any cash on hand reported on the cycle 7 report due on January 5, 2022 must be returned to OBM no later than December 31, 2021.

Other Resources

[ODJFS Director Henderson Weekly Call Notes 1.25.21](#)

[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.