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RE: JANUARY 7, 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](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

### **Gov. DeWine Press Conference: Ohioans 80+ able to receive vaccines January 19<sup>th</sup>; Phase 1B outlined**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine discussed more details about Phase 1B of Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Beginning on January 19<sup>th</sup>, vaccinations will be available to Ohioans who are 80 years old or older. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) estimates this is between 420,000 and 450,000 Ohioans. Currently, the state is receiving about 100,000 doses statewide per week.

ODH has 1,700 providers that are currently signed up to distribute vaccines and plan to add more. Not all of these providers will have vaccines on January 19. On Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>, ODH will hold a webinar for these registered providers to outline expectations and instructions for distribution. On Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, providers who have been selected to deliver vaccinations beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> will be notified of their selection and the estimated size of their allocation.

The administration is asking the local Emergency Management Agency in each county to hold a press conference on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> or Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> announcing where the vaccines will be available and how individuals 80 or older can receive them. Depending on the county, vaccines will be available through a mix of physicians, local health departments, hospitals, FQHCs, in home health service providers, and some retail pharmacies. Some vaccinations will require appointments, some will be through



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walk in clinics or drive thru clinics. Every provider must clearly state how they will distribute the vaccinations. The information will be available through local news. The administration will also release an online tool on [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) to show where vaccines are available.

The plan is to add 5 age years to those eligible each week (note: this progression depends on the number of doses coming to Ohio each week):

January 25<sup>th</sup> – open up to 75 and older

February 1<sup>st</sup> – open up to 70 and older

February 8<sup>th</sup> – open up to 65 and older

In the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>, vaccinations will be available to those with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders. The administration will announce in coming days how these individuals will receive their vaccines.

The week of February 1<sup>st</sup>, the administration plans to begin vaccinating school personnel. Superintendents are being asked to sign forms agreeing to return to in-person instruction or hybrid learning by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a condition of getting the vaccine for school employees. Schools are asked to send the number of vaccinations they anticipate needing and whether or not they are already working with a provider to administer those vaccines.

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.

**“Watch list” for Purple Level 4:** Hamilton.

**Orange Level 2 this week:** 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](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

There were 10,251 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 365 additional hospitalizations and 27 additional ICU admissions in the past 24 hours. To view the latest COVID-19 data, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

A video of the governor's January 7<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](https://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.

**PRESENTER: Marc A. Fishel, Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP**

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](mailto:nbenson@ccao.org), CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

### **Preliminary Non-Auto County Sales Tax Estimates sent to CCAO members today**

Preliminary non-auto sales tax estimates from the Ohio Department of Taxation for November sales were emailed to CCAO members today. Please keep an eye out for this information.

### **Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, December 27, 2020, through Saturday, January 2, 2021**

Ohioans filed 29,709 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 244,506 fewer than – or about 11% of – the peak earlier this year. To read more, click [here](#).

### **Other Resources**

[Updated ODJFS Q&A Document 1.6.2021](#)

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

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

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

[Current Information Regarding Reopening](#)

[Editable #InThisTogetherOhio Logo](#)

[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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rmassoud@ccao.org).