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

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RE: OCTOBER 8, 2020 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 10.1.2020](#)
4. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
5. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 9.2.2020](#)
6. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 9.2.2020](#)
7. [CAB: Employees Returning to Work FAQs](#)
8. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law 7.15.2020](#)

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Gov. DeWine's Press Conference

During today's press conference, Gov. DeWine released this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. There are eighteen Red Level 3 counties (newly Red in bold): Ashland, Butler, **Fayette**, Hamilton, **Lawrence**, **Madison**, **Mahoning**, **Marion**, Mercer, Montgomery, Muskingum, Pike, **Portage**, Putnam, Richland, **Ross**, Scioto and **Trumbull**. Clermont County moved from Red Level 3 to Orange Level 2. Gov. DeWine stated that 96 percent of Ohioans are now living in a Red or Orange county (26 percent in Red, 70 percent in Orange).

The state's Public Health Advisory System website now includes an interactive map detailing indicators in each county, which you can find [here](#). A county by county list of indicators for the week can be found [here](#). A chart of case rates by county can be found [here](#).

The Ohio Department of Health order regarding indoor visitation at nursing facilities will be available later today on coronavirus.ohio.gov. Indoor visitation can begin October 12th.

There was an increase of 1,539 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.



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A video of the governor's October 8th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Auditor of State Faber CARES Act Funds Advisory Memo

Auditor of State Keith Faber sent an advisory memo to local government officials regarding the use of federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to support small businesses and provide housing assistance. You can view the memo [here](#).

State releases preliminary tax revenue data for September

Earlier this week, the Ohio Office of Budget and Management released its preliminary tax revenue collection figures for the month of September. Overall, state General Revenue Fund tax receipts finished the month 0.5% above estimate, continuing a trend of above estimate revenue collections to start the state fiscal year.

Sales and use tax collections performed almost exactly as estimated, coming in 0.1% above estimate. Non-auto sales and use missed estimates by 1.8%, but that shortfall was offset by auto sales and use collections that came in at 11% above estimate.

The full monthly revenue report will be released in the coming days. The preliminary report for September can be accessed [here](#).

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, September 27, through Saturday, October 3, 2020

Ohioans filed 18,592 initial jobless claims last week, according to statistics the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported to the U.S. Dept. of Labor today. This was 255,623 fewer than – or less than 7% of – the peak earlier this year. Ohioans filed 299,030 continued jobless claims last week, which was 477,272 fewer than – or less than half (about 39%) of – the peak earlier this year. To read more, click [here](#).

Request for counties to share CARES Act spending plans with CCAO policy team

With CARES Act funds being distributed to local governments across the state, counties have a number of options for how they may utilize their funds. As your county decides how to spend its CARES Act funds, please share your ideas with the CCAO policy team. Your ideas can serve as valuable examples to other counties considering different funding options. Please send any resolutions or spending plans to Jon Honeck at jhoneck@ccao.org.

Coronavirus Relief Fund: Important Deadlines

The below chart highlights key deadlines regarding CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars between October 2020 and February 2021. To view a pdf version of this chart, click [here](#).

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND: IMPORTANT DEADLINES	
DATE	ACTIVITY
October 20, 2020	First Interim Financial Report due to OBM via the grants portal for activity through 9/30/2020
October 30, 2020	County Auditor must report initial HB 614 distribution to OBM

November 20, 2020	Unencumbered Funds must be returned to the County Auditor
November 25, 2020	County Auditor must redistribute unencumbered funds
December 1, 2020	County Auditor must report November redistribution amounts to OBM
December 30, 2020	Final Date to incur eligible CRF costs (grant “covered period” extends from 3/1/2020 to 12/30/2020)
January 6, 2021	Second Interim Financial Report due to OBM for activity from 10/1/2020 through 12/31/2020
February 1, 2021	Remaining unspent funds must be returned to OBM
February 10, 2021	Final (Close-out) Financial report due to OBM covering grant liquidation activities that occurred between 1/1/2021 and 1/31/2021
<p>Note: This table is intended as guidance for counties that received CRF resources from the State of Ohio through HB 481 and HB 614. Five counties that received direct US Treasury Funding are considered prime recipients and must report to Treasury rather than OBM.</p>	

Other Resources

[Updated ODJFS Q&A Document 10.7.2020](#)

[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. 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.