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RE: NOVEMBER 17, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [Important Deadlines for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds](#)
3. [OBM Ideas on How to Use Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
4. [OBM CARES Act Funds Guidance 10.29.2020](#)
5. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
6. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 9.2.2020](#)
7. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 10.19.2020](#)

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Gov. DeWine Press Conference: Statewide curfew beginning Thursday at 10 p.m.; hospitalizations continue to rise

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will issue an order that implements a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew starting Thursday, November 19th at 10 p.m. The curfew will last for 21 days. Retail establishments will need to close by 10 p.m. Carry-out, drive-thru and food delivery will be permitted after 10 p.m. There are exceptions to the curfew including those who need to work or go to the hospital, get medical care, travel for emergency purposes, or get food/supplies at the grocery store, carry-out/drive-thru or delivery. Order text will be available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Gov. DeWine noted that on October 13th, Ohio had 1,000 people hospitalized with COVID-19. On November 5th, there were 2,000 people hospitalized. That number rose to 3,000 people by November 12th and now, on November 17th, there are 3,648 Ohioans hospitalized. Additionally, one month ago there were 280 Ohioans in the ICU; today there are 900. Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, ODH Chief Medical Officer, spoke about the current COVID-19 situation, highlighting the stress on Ohio's hospital system and the need to protect our healthcare workers.

The governor asked each Ohioan to do at least one thing every day that reduces physical contact with others. Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Lori Criss discussed the mental health toll



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that many are experiencing during this time. If someone needs help, they can call the Careline at 1-800-720-9616 or text 4Hope to #741741.

There was an increase of 7,079 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. There were 368 new hospitalizations reported in the last 24 hours. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's November 17th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

ODH Orders on Facial Coverings and Gatherings

Last week, Gov. DeWine announced two new ODH orders. The text of these orders is now available on coronavirus.ohio.gov.

The text of the new facial coverings in retail locations order can be found [here](#). This order went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on November 16th.

The text of the new mass gatherings order can be found [here](#). This order went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on November 17th.

ODH Guidance on Holiday Celebrations

ODH released suggestions for celebrating winter holidays safely during the pandemic. The guidance is available [here](#) and on coronavirus.ohio.gov.

ODJFS announces Nonprofit Assistance Program

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is providing up to \$25 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies that serve low-income Ohioans and have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonprofits in the fields of health care, education, recreation, and/or cultural activities are not eligible. The grant amount is based on the amount of unemployment charges and may be used to refund such charges that were incurred after March 15. The organization must be a reimbursing employer for unemployment compensation purposes. Grantees must disclose CARES Act amounts received from local governments. Program details and an online application are available on the ODJFS website at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/nonprofitgrants/>. The application deadline is November 27.

Auditor of State Memo regarding BWC COVID-19 Rebates/ Dividends

Auditor of State Faber sent a memo to counties and other entities regarding the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) COVID-19 rebates/dividends. To read the memo, click [here](#).

Preliminary Auto County Sales Tax Estimates sent to CCAO members today

Preliminary auto sales tax estimates from the Ohio Department of Taxation for September sales were emailed to CCAO members today. Please check your inboxes for this information.

Reminder: Please complete CARES Act Utilization Survey

CCAO sent a brief survey link to members to gather information on what percentage of their CARES Act funds each county plans to encumber by November 20th. Please respond to this survey if you have not already done so. This information will help guide CCAO's advocacy efforts in the days to come.

Coalition Communication Documents

The administration created “coalitions communications” documents to aid different groups in communicating with their constituencies about the coronavirus. The documents include helpful talking points, sample social media posts, resources, updated COVID-19 data and more.

Each fact sheet has a designated communications point of contact who can provide support in drafting newsletters, op-eds, etc. The administration will update these documents each week.

You can find the documents at the following links: [Local Government](#), [Law Enforcement](#), [Business](#), [Agriculture](#), [Manufacturing](#), [K-12 Education](#), [Higher Education](#), [Tourism & Arts](#), [Healthcare](#), [Faith Based Organizations](#), and [Philanthropy](#).

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, November 1, through Saturday, November 7, 2020

Ohioans filed 21,868 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 252,347 fewer than – or about 8% of – the peak earlier this year. To read more, click [here](#).

White House Briefing Call Registration – November 18th

In observance of Veterans Day, the White House has rescheduled its November 11th briefing call for November 18th. Registration information is below.

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: **if you previously registered for the 11/11 call, you do not need to re-register** [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. You must register to join the call.

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

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 11.16.2020](#)

[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.