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

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**RE:** NOVEMBER 19, 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: First Purple Level 4 county during the pandemic; 72 Red Level 3 counties**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine discussed this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. There is one Purple Level 4 county this week and 72 Red Level 3 counties. There are no Yellow Level 1 counties.

**Newly Purple Level 4 counties this week:** Franklin

**Newly Red Level 3 counties this week:** Columbiana, Darke, Fulton, Perry, and Van Wert.

**Counties remaining at Red Level 3 this week:** Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake\*, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain\*, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery\*, Morrow, Muskingum, Ottawa, Paulding, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Wayne, Warren, Williams and Wood.

**“Watch list” for Purple Level 4:** Lake, Lorain and Montgomery.

Every county in the state of Ohio continues to be a high incidence county.



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The state’s Public Health Advisory System website 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 administration made a decision to double-check all antigen test results, so the 24-hour case change is low. There are 12,000 antigen tests that have not yet been double-checked. Most of the 12,000 are expected to be confirmed. There was an increase of 7,787 total COVID-19 cases statewide in the last 24 hours – though that data is incomplete. There were 343 new hospitalizations reported in the last 24 hours. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

A video of the governor’s November 19<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

**Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, November 8, through Saturday, November 14, 2020**

Ohioans filed 24,964 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 249,251 fewer than – or about 9% 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](mailto: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](#).

<b>CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND: IMPORTANT DEADLINES</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>October 20, 2020</b>	First Interim Financial Report due to OBM via the grants portal for activity through 9/30/2020
<b>October 30, 2020</b>	County Auditor must report initial HB 614 distribution to OBM
<b>November 20, 2020</b>	Unencumbered Funds must be returned to the County Auditor
<b>November 25, 2020</b>	County Auditor must redistribute unencumbered funds
<b>December 1, 2020</b>	County Auditor must report November redistribution amounts to OBM

<b>December 30, 2020</b>	Final Date to incur eligible CRF costs (grant “covered period” extends from 3/1/2020 to 12/30/2020)
<b>January 6, 2021</b>	Second Interim Financial Report due to OBM for activity from 10/1/2020 through 12/31/2020
<b>February 1, 2021</b>	Remaining unspent funds must be returned to OBM
<b>February 10, 2021</b>	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 11.18.2020](#)

[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](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).