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**November 24, 2020**

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

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**RE:** NOVEMBER 24, 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 11.20.2020](#)
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](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

### Gov. DeWine Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio is expecting to receive its first batch of COVID-19 vaccines around December 15<sup>th</sup>. The administration will release more information about how vaccines will be distributed as the date gets closer.

Yesterday, Gov. DeWine held a press conference with leaders of the Ohio Hospital Association to discuss Ohio's record number of COVID-19 hospitalizations. To read more, click [here](#).

The data reported today is incomplete as the health department continues to work through a backlog of data. There was an increase of 8,604 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. There were 364 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 24<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).



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## **State Small Business Relief Grant & Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund Update**

As of November 23, 2020, more than 33,900 Small Business Relief Grants applications have been submitted and more than 8,700 applications have been approved. [This chart](#) contains the applications submitted and funded by county as of November 23, 2020. For more information, visit [businesshelp.ohio.gov](http://businesshelp.ohio.gov).

As of November 23, 2020, more than 6,700 Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund applications have been submitted of the 15,575 permits eligible. [This chart](#) contains the permits submitted and the total permits eligible by county as of November 23, 2020. During today's press conference, Lt. Gov. Husted stated that less than half of eligible permit holders have applied. This fund is not competitive, so if a permit holder is eligible, they will receive a \$2,500 payment. If an owner has more than one business location, each location is eligible for its own \$2,500. For more information, visit [businesshelp.ohio.gov](http://businesshelp.ohio.gov).

## **Governor signs virtual meeting extension into law**

Last week, House Bill 404 passed the House and Senate with several amendments, including an extension of virtual meeting and hearing authority for public bodies until July 1, 2021. This temporary ability was originally provided by the General Assembly in March of this year to allow public bodies to meet, attend and cast votes at public meetings via teleconference, video conference or other electronic means. Gov. DeWine signed the bill into law on Sunday. Because the bill included an emergency clause, it is effective before the originally December 1, 2020 expiration of this authority.

## **Coalition Communication Fact Sheets**

The administration created "coalitions communications" fact sheets 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](#).

## **White House COVID-19 Briefing Call Registration – December 2nd**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

**Call-In Registration:** [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](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
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.	

## **Other Resources**

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 11.23.2020](#)

[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).