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**November 30, 2020**

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

**FROM:** CHERYL SUBLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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**RE:** NOVEMBER 30, 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](#)

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### Gov. DeWine Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced the COVID-19 Indoor Air Quality Assistance Program to help improve indoor air quality and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 for residents in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers. Eligible recipients can receive up to \$15,000 to address indoor air quality through HVAC inspections, portable air filtration systems, new filtration systems, maintenance on current systems, and other interventions. For more information, visit [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov).

Gov. DeWine will provide a full report on Ohio's plan for vaccine distribution during his Thursday press conference.

The governor continued to express concern about increasing hospitalizations and ICU admissions. He spoke with healthcare professionals on what they are seeing in the hospitals.

To view the latest COVID-19 data including hospitalizations and ICU admissions, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

A video of the governor's November 30<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).



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## **NACo Webinar: CARES Act Funding & Vaccine Distribution – December 1**

NACo is hosting a webinar tomorrow, Dec. 1, at 3:00PM ET that will focus on how counties are using Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars authorized under the CARES Act to support COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts. During the webinar, we will hear from two county representatives that have already allocated a portion of their CRF funds to local public health entities to help prepare for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to our county speakers, we will also host representatives from Witt O'Brien's who will discuss how counties can ensure we are spending these dollars in accordance to the U.S. Treasury's CRF guidance. For more information and to register for the webinar, [click here](#).

## **Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, November 15, through Saturday, November 21, 2020**

Ohioans filed 30,177 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 244,038 fewer than – or about 11% of – the peak earlier this year. To read more, click [here](#).

## **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
<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 11.25.2020](#)

[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).