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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: NOVEMBER 5, 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's Press Conference: McCloud appointed as Health Director; All Ohio Counties are High Incidence, 56 Red Level 3 Counties

During today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that he appointed Stephanie McCloud as the new Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). McCloud currently serves as the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Administrator. The governor also announced that Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff has accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer at the Ohio Department of Health. Previously, he served as the Senior Vice President and the Chief Medical Officer at Ohio Health. Additionally, Lance Himes will serve as Senior Deputy at ODH and Kathleen Madden will serve as the ODH Chief of Staff.

The administration released this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. There are 56 Red Level 3 counties (newly Red in bold): Adams, Allen, **Ashland**, Ashtabula, Auglaize, Butler, **Champaign**, Clark, Clermont, **Coshocton**, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, **Fairfield**, Fayette, Franklin, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hardin, **Henry**, Highland, **Holmes**, **Jefferson**, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, **Medina**, Mercer, Montgomery, **Morrow**, Muskingum, Ottawa, **Pickaway**, Pike, Portage, **Preble**, Putnam, Richland, Ross, **Sandusky**, Scioto, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Wayne and Warren. No counties are on the "watch list" for Purple Level 4 this week.



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Every county in the state of Ohio is now a high incidence county. Today, Ohio has a record number of Ohioans hospitalized with COVID-19. COVID-19 patients in the ICU is also at an all time high. More doctor/ER visits are resulting in COVID-19 diagnoses than ever, an early indicator.

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](#).

There was an increase of 4,961 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. There were 214 new hospitalizations reported in the last 24 hours. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's November 5th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

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 below:

[Local Government Communications](#)

[Law Enforcement Communications](#)

[Business Communications](#)

[K-12 Education Communications](#)

[Higher Education Communications](#)

[Tourism & Arts Communications](#)

[Healthcare Communications](#)

Upcoming NACo Webinar: CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Deadline – Nov. 6th

NACo is hosting a [webinar](#) on Friday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. focused on the upcoming CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) December 30, 2020 deadline.

As this deadline approaches, counties must ensure funds are spent appropriately, reporting requirements are met and contingency plans are made. In addition to sharing best practices and lessons learned related to these issues, this webinar will also feature a discussion on how to quickly pivot and reevaluate spending plans in the event of deadline extension, as well as strategies for navigating subrecipient relationships within your county. NACo will be joined by Witt O'Brien's for this discussion, who is helping many counties across the country track and manage their CRF allocations. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, October 25, through Saturday, October 31, 2020

Ohioans filed 21,263 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 252,952 fewer than – or about 8% 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

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

[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.