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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: DECEMBER 14, 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: First COVID-19 vaccinations administered in Ohio today

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that the first COVID-19 vaccinations were administered in Ohio today. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus and UC Health in Cincinnati received 975 doses each today. Eight additional hospitals will receive 975 doses tomorrow:

- Mercy Health St. Vincent Hospital, Lucas County
- Cleveland Clinic, Cuyahoga County
- Metro Health Medical Center, Cuyahoga County
- Mercy Health Springfield Regional Medical Center, Clark County
- OhioHealth Riverside Hospital, Franklin County
- Aultman Hospital, Stark County
- OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital, Athens County
- Genesis Hospital, Muskingum County



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The administration announced that the CDC selected Ohio to participate in an early scaled launch of vaccinations in nursing homes. Ohio will begin vaccinations in five to ten nursing homes on Friday.

The administration is launching a COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard on coronavirus.ohio.gov. The Ohio Vaccine Preparedness Office Weekly Update can be found [here](#). For more information about Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. Key resources include [COVID-19 vaccine frequently asked questions](#) and a [Phase 1A vaccine distribution fact sheet](#).

The Ohio Department of Health order extending the 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew until January 2, 2021 can be found [here](#).

There were 7,875 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 291 additional hospitalizations and 38 additional ICU admissions in the past 24 hours. To view the latest COVID-19 data, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's December 14th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Deadline Approaching for Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund Grants; Commissioners Asked to Help with Local Outreach

As you know, the hospitality industry has been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. To try and help the industry, Gov. DeWine, Lt. Gov. Husted and the General Assembly set aside approximately \$38.7 million in CARES Act dollars to assist bars, restaurants, and other businesses with on-premise liquor permits. A Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund was established with a \$2,500 grant available to each and every on-premise permit location in Ohio. 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. **However, businesses must apply for the grant by December 30, 2020.** Funds cannot be distributed after December 31, 2020

In just the last week, so many commissioners, economic development officials, and their staffs made an extraordinary push to make sure all these businesses in their counties were aware and taking advantage of this opportunity. The Administration greatly appreciates your efforts! Here are links to a [one-pager](#) and a [FAQs](#) on the grants. Sample social media posts are available [here](#) and a social media graphic from the administration can be found [here](#). **If you would like a list of establishments who have not yet applied for this grant in your county, please don't hesitate to contact Josh Hahn, Assistant Director with the Ohio Department of Commerce, at Joshua.hahn@com.ohio.gov or 614-312-9719.**

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>	

CCAO Webinar – Community Development Block Grant: Anticipated Program Year 2021 Changes – December 16th

CCAO will offer a webinar titled “Community Development Block Grant: Anticipated Program Year 2021 Changes” on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The Ohio Development Services Agency - Office of Community Development is proposing changes to its administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded Community Development programs in PY 2021. The department is proposing the new structure with the goal of enabling limited resources to meet State of Ohio investment priorities in clean water and safe disposal of sanitary waste, critical basic infrastructure, and projects significantly impacting Ohio’s low- and moderate-income residents. This webinar will outline anticipated changes to OCD’s programs and provide a question and answer session for participants

The presenter will be Mary Oakley, Office of Community Development, Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA).

[Click here to register for this timely educational opportunity.](#) If you are unable to register to the link above, please email Nedra Benson, nbenson@ccao.org, CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

Other Resources

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 12.14.2020](#)

[Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#)

[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.