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COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNTY CLERKS

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**RE:** DECEMBER 17, 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](#)
8. [CAB: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Public Employees](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

### **Gov. DeWine Press Conference: \$58.8 million to local ADAMH boards; 83 Red Level 3 Counties**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced grants totaling over \$76 million have been awarded to local Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Boards as well as prevention, treatment, recovery support providers across the state. The grants represent a portion of Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 funding. Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) will grant \$58,884,000 directly to local county alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services boards and their community partners. For ADAMH Board grant amounts, click [here](#).

During his Tuesday press conference, Gov. DeWine indicated that local health departments would be receiving more information about their vaccination plans. Next week, local health departments in Ohio that registered as providers are expected to begin receiving vaccines. Local health departments should coordinate the vaccinations of congregate care residents and staff, such as those at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, who are not enrolled in the federal long-term care pharmacy programs or are not registered as providers themselves.



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In addition, local health departments should prioritize vaccinating other healthcare providers who are not being vaccinated by hospitals and health systems and are not enrolled as providers themselves. These providers could include:

- Home health workers
- Hospice workers
- Emergency medical services responders
- Primary care practitioners
- Free-standing emergency department, urgent care, pharmacy, and dialysis center providers not vaccinated by hospitals or healthcare systems
- Dental providers
- Public health employees who are at risk of exposure or transmission, such as vaccinators
- Mobile unit practitioners
- Federally-qualified health center providers
- High-risk ancillary health care staff members

The administration released this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. There is one Purple Level 4 county this week and there are 83 Red Level 3 counties. There are no Yellow Level 1 counties. Every county in the state of Ohio continues to be a high incidence county.

**Purple Level 4 this week:** Richland.

**“Watch list” for Purple Level 4:** Miami.

**Red Level 3 this week:** Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Highland, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Lake, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Meigs, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Williams, Wood and Wyandot.

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](#).

For more information about Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov). Key resources include [COVID-19 vaccine frequently asked questions](#) and a [Phase 1A vaccine distribution fact sheet](#).

There were 11,412 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 370 additional hospitalizations and 38 additional ICU admissions in the past 24 hours. To view the latest COVID-19 data, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

A video of the governor's December 17<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](https://www.ohiochannel.org).

## **County Advisory Bulletin: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Public Employees – FAQs**

CCAO is pleased to share its latest County Advisory Bulletin on COVID-19 Vaccinations for Public Employees. Authored by Marc Fishel and Benjamin Albrecht of Fishel, Downey, Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP, the document includes frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for public employees. If you have any additional questions regarding returning employees to work, please feel free to contact the CCAO policy team. To read this bulletin, click [here](#).

## **Ohio Supreme Court Issues Two New COVID-19 Related Orders**

The Ohio Supreme Court issued two new COVID-19 related orders on December 16, 2020. The order regarding “Tolling of Case-Time Standards under Sup.R. 39” can be found [here](#). The order regarding “Waiver of Physical Presence Requirement for Guardian-Ad-Litem Education Courses and Encouraging Remote Participation in Judicial-College Education Courses” can be found [here](#).

## **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](mailto:Joshua.hahn@com.ohio.gov) or 614-312-9719.**

## **Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, December 6, through Saturday, December 12, 2020**

Ohioans filed 38,327 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 235,888 fewer than – or about 14% of – the peak earlier this year. To read more, click [here](#).

## **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](#).

**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 Updated Q&A Document 12.16.2020](#)

[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](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).