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

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RE: FEBRUARY 4, 2021 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [OBM Ideas on How to Use Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
3. [OBM CARES Act Funds Guidance 1.19.2021](#)
4. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
5. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 9.2.2020](#)
6. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 10.19.2020](#)
7. [CAB: COVID-19 Vaccinations for Public Employees](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

Gov. DeWine Press Conference

Gov. DeWine's announcements from today's press conference are summarized below.

Vaccine Update: Pfizer has notified Ohio that they believe they will increase their shipment of vaccine by 40 percent around mid-to-late February. Shipments could additionally increase even more by the end of March. Pfizer is currently shipping approximately 73,000 doses to Ohio per week.

Moderna doses have increased from 73,200 two weeks ago to 105,600 doses that are expected next week.

Ohio was one of the first states to draw unused doses from the long-term care program, and those 77,000 extra doses are being delivered this week to select CVS and Walgreens pharmacies.

ODJFS Public-Private Partnership Team: The governor announced the formation of a new Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Public-Private Partnership Team to improve Ohioans' experiences with the unemployment system.

Members of the team will include highly-skilled experts, most of whom are on loan from some of Ohio's top banking and insurance companies:

- Fifth Third Bank



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- Western & Southern Financial Group
- Encova Insurance
- KeyBank

Pat Tiberi, President and CEO of the Ohio Business Roundtable, worked with business leaders to identify the best talent for the partnership team who have experience in large organizations' call centers, claims processes, and fraud detection. The team currently has around 16 members but is expected to grow.

Unemployment Update: This week, Ohio has paid out nearly \$100 million to more than 110,000 Ohioans receiving traditional unemployment. This represents some extended weeks of benefits plus an additional \$300 a week, which were included with the new federal aid.

Starting this Saturday, more than 155,000 Ohioans will also start seeing benefits from this new federal aid package. This includes Ohioans who recently lost a job as a result of the pandemic as well as Ohioans who continue to be impacted due to the pandemic.

By the last week in February, all Ohioans impacted by unemployment will have the ability to claim all the weeks and supplements available under the law and receive the benefits they are owed.

Public Health Advisory System Map: The administration released this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. Every county in the state of Ohio continues to be a high incidence county.

Orange Level 2 Counties: Gallia, Hocking, Monroe and Vinton.

All other counties are Red Level 3.

The state's Public Health Advisory System website includes an interactive map detailing indicators in each county, which you can find [here](#).

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#) is live. Information about which providers are currently giving vaccinations in each county can be found at vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov. For more information about Ohio's COVID-19 vaccination program, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. The state's communications toolkit for the vaccination program can be found [here](#). NACo provided a communications toolkit as well that can be found [here](#).

There were 4,120 new COVID-19 cases reported today. Additionally, there were 237 additional hospitalizations and 34 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 February 4th press conference can be found [here](#). Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Tomorrow: CCAO Call/Q&A with Gov. DeWine, Lt. Gov. Husted and ODH Senior Deputy Director Himes

Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted invite CCAO members to join them for a call/Q&A session regarding Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccination Program on **Friday, February 5th from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** Ohio Department of Health Senior Deputy Director Lance Himes will also be on the call. **CCAO members will have the opportunity to ask the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Senior Deputy Director questions** that they have about vaccinations and the program rollout. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

The link for the meeting is below.

Friday, February 5th

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

<https://ohio.webex.com/ohio/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee33c461be48ad61679d3076382104256>

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Access code: 179 977 7014##

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Massoud at rmassoud@ccao.org or 513-543-3723.

CCAO Survey of CARES Act Spending

CCAO surveyed its members about how they used their CARES Act funds in 2020. The results are available [here](#) and on the [CCAO CARES Act Funding web page](#).

Members used the resources to support a wide variety functions, both in their internal operations and for their residents who were affected by COVID-19. The most common purchases were for PPE, disinfecting supplies, and improvements to information technology to allow employees to telecommute.

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, January 24, 2021, through Saturday, January 30, 2021

Ohioans filed 47,786 initial jobless claims last week, according to statistics the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported to the U.S. Department of Labor today. This was 226,429 fewer than – or about 17% of – the peak last year. To read more, click [here](#).

OBM Reporting Timelines for CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds

Reporting (updated January 19, 2021)

OBM will require reporting in the OBM grants portal. The Grant Contact listed on the registration will be provided a log-in to access and complete the financial status reports. Here is the following table of reporting periods and due dates:

Reporting Cycle	Reporting Period	Due Date
Cycle 1 & 2	March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020	October 20, 2020
Cycle 3	October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	January 6, 2021
Cycle 4	January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021	April 6, 2021
Cycle 5	April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021	July 6, 2021
Cycle 6	July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021	October 6, 2021
Cycle 7	October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	January 5, 2022

Any cash on hand reported on the cycle 7 report due on January 5, 2022 must be returned to OBM no later than December 31, 2021.

Other Resources

[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.