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**March 24, 2020**

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

**FROM:** CHERYL SUBLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RACHEL MASSOUD, POLICY ANALYST  
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**RE:** MARCH 24, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

### **Gov. DeWine Press Conference**

Today, Gov. DeWine held another press conference regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Ohio now has 564 confirmed cases in 49 counties. There have been 8 COVID-19 related deaths.

A video of the governor's March 24<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). The administration plans to continue daily press briefings at 2 pm. Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

### **County Examples of Essential Governmental Functions**

Delaware County BOC assembled a chart outlining each departments' business functions, essential functions/staffing, and modified practices and procedures. View this chart [here](#).

Guemsey County shared a letter they sent regarding staffing during the Stay at Home order and an additional letter from their prosecutor regarding essential functions and staff working from home. View the letters [here](#).

### **CEBCO Program Alert Regarding ODI Bulletin of March 20, 2020**

CEBCO issued a program alert regarding the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI) bulletin that was released on March 20, 2020. Click [here](#) to read the program alert. The alert clarifies four items included in the ODI bulletin as they relate to CEBCO: employee eligibility, premium payments, continuation coverage, and special enrollment.

### **Register for Friday's HR Webinar: Employment Law FAQs and Update on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act**

CCAO will host another webinar this Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. As the issues relating to the coronavirus change and update, there are more employment-related questions. This webinar will provide an update on these issues along with the latest information concerning the application of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

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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](mailto:nbenson@ccao.org), CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

### **DOL to Host Online Dialogue on Compliance Materials Needed for Expanded Paid Family and Medical Leave Requirements**

The U.S. Department of Labor will be hosting a national online dialogue to provide employers and employees with an innovative opportunity to offer their perspective as the Department develops compliance assistance materials and outreach strategies related to the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). The ideas and comments gathered from this dialogue will inform compliance assistance guidance, resources, and tools, as well as outreach approaches, that assist employers and employees in understanding their responsibilities and rights under the FFCRA. DOL needs your input by March 29, 2020. Anybody who is interested can participate online at <https://ffcra.ideascale.com> from March 23 through March 29, 2020 or can join a Twitter chat hosted by [@ePolicyWorks](#) on March 25, 2020 at 2 p.m. using the hashtag #EPWChat.

For more information on the requirements of FFCRA, please visit: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>

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### **Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Letter to Fair Boards**

Last Friday, ODA sent a letter to the county and independent Fair Boards. Read the letter [here](#).

### **CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO Bi-weekly COVID-19 Briefing Call**

CCAO, CORSA and CEBCO will host a biweekly COVID-19 briefing call for members every Monday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The next call will be Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have both Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted as guests on Thursdays call if the circumstances allow. The call-in information is as follows:

**Dial 1-877-273-4202**  
**Access code 889-229-624**

These calls will serve as a way for us to share information and answer questions from counties, as well as provide a space for our members to discuss their best practices if they wish. If you know you have a question that you would like answered, please send it to Adam Schwiebert ([aschwiebert@ccao.org](mailto:aschwiebert@ccao.org)) in advance to give staff some time to research the answer.

### **NACo Advocacy Resources**

The National Association of Counties' COVID-19 webpage <https://www.naco.org/resources/featured/coronavirus-disease-2019> includes nationwide information about county response as well as information about federal relief packages relating to COVID-19.

### **Other Resources**

[White House Briefing Call 3/25 Registration and Update](#)

Visit <https://ccao.org/resources/coronavirus-updates/> for updates, FAQs and previous memos. As a reminder, current information from the Ohio Department of Health can be found at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov). If you have questions regarding this memo or best practice suggestions relating to COVID-19, please contact Adam Schwiebert, policy analyst, at [aschwiebert@ccao.org](mailto:aschwiebert@ccao.org), or Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at [rmasoud@ccao.org](mailto:rmasoud@ccao.org).