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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: MARCH 27, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Gov. DeWine Press Conference

Today, Gov. DeWine held another press conference regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Ohio now has 1,137 confirmed cases. There have been 19 COVID-19 related deaths.

During the press conference, the governor signed House Bill 197 which includes several temporary law changes as a response to COVID-19. To read a summary of these provisions, click [here](#).

Gov. DeWine shared a new virtual campaign to help Ohioans support small businesses during this emergency. To learn more visit ohio.org/supportlocalohio.

To continue transparency and information sharing, the governor stated that experts at the Cleveland Clinic project that the virus will hit Ohio harder in the next two weeks and encourage hospitals to increase their capacity. They are now estimating the peak will occur around mid-May. He urged Ohioans to continue physical distancing.

A video of the governor's March 27th 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.

County Advisory Bulletin on Virtual Meetings During COVID-19 Emergency

Gov. DeWine's signing of HB 197 this afternoon provides that public bodies can conduct public meetings via teleconference, videoconference or other electronic means during the COVID-19 declared emergency. CCAO has prepared the following [County Advisory Bulletin](#) to help guide members who are considering using this technology for their meetings. CCAO is pleased to see this temporary law change, and if you have any questions, please direct them to CCAO Policy Analyst Adam Schwiebert at aschwiebert@ccao.org.

[County Advisory Bulletin on Virtual Meetings During COVID-19 Emergency](#)

Recording and PowerPoint from Today's HR Webinar: Employer Rights/Obligations in the Coronavirus Pandemic



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The PowerPoint of today's HR webinar on Employer Rights/Obligations in the Coronavirus Pandemic is available [here](#). The recording of the webinar is available [here](#). Thank you to Marc Fishel of Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP for presenting. We had 400 unique lines participate in today's webinar!

As a reminder, CCAO released two CABs authored by Marc Fishel yesterday relating to HR during this pandemic:

[County Advisory Bulletin on Family First Coronavirus Leave Act](#)

[County Advisory Bulletin on COVID-19 Employment FAQs](#)

CEBCO Annual Membership Meeting Postponed

CEBCO announced that their Annual Membership Meeting originally scheduled for April 3rd has been postponed. Read the program alert [here](#).

CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO Bi-weekly COVID-19 Briefing Calls

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 Monday, March 30th. Bob Cornwell, Executive Director, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and Marc Fishel, Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP will be joining the call. The call-in information is:

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

Our goal with these briefing calls is to provide our members with an informative and positive experience. In order to better achieve this goal and due to the volume of callers, we have decided to change the format. We ask that participants pose questions during the call by **texting** Rachel Massoud (CCAO policy analyst) at **513-543-3723**. Rachel will read the questions to our speaker(s) and state the name and title of the person who posed the question. Participants will remain muted throughout the duration of the call. We hope this format will reduce duplication, keep our calls focused and concise, and provide the best experience possible for our participants.

Federal CARES Act Passes US House, President Trump Signs into Law

President Trump signed the CARES Act into law today following its passage in the US House. Click [here](#) to read NACo's summary of the CARES Act.

Other NACo resources include:

[NACo Slide Deck on counties and COVID-19](#)

As a reminder, the NACo 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 3.27.2020 Update](#)

[Facebook Best Practices for State & Local Governments Training Sessions](#)

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 have questions regarding this memo or best practice suggestions relating to COVID-19, please contact Adam Schwiebert, policy analyst, at aschwiebert@ccao.org, or Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.