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**April 10, 2020**

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

**FROM:** CHERYL SUBLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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**RE:** APRIL 10, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

### Key Resources

1. [CAB: Virtual Meetings during COVID-19](#)
2. [Emergency Declarations FAQ](#)
3. [CAB: COVID-19 Employment Related FAQs](#)
4. [Dispute Resolution Commission Process](#)
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### **Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton announced that Ohio now has 5,878 cases. There have been 231 COVID-19 related deaths. The CDC released new guidelines on an expanded case definition to be able to include probable cases in the COVID-19 count. Ohio will report both numbers separately, but the numbers above combine both.

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).

A video of the governor's April 10<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). The governor does not plan to have a press conference on Saturday or Sunday this weekend. Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

### **Budget Resolutions Request**

As counties begin to make adjustments to their budgets during the pandemic, CCAO would like to share examples of the changes counties are implementing. If your county passes a budget resolution during this time, please send a copy to CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Jon Honeck at [jhoneck@ccao.org](mailto:jhoneck@ccao.org).

### **Update on Basic Loop Masks**



Fax: 614-220-0209  
[www.corsa.org](http://www.corsa.org)



Fax: 614-229-4588  
[www.cebco.org](http://www.cebco.org)



Fax: 614-221-6986  
[www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org)

The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance held a conference call yesterday to further discuss the production of cloth and basic loop masks (NOT N95 masks). Cheryl Subler, John Brownlee and Robin Garrett joined the call. Cheryl was able to share the estimated order numbers she had received so far. These estimates will be used to assist the manufacturer on scaling production. There will be a follow-up planning call Tuesday, April 14, to learn more on the order process and estimated delivery times, and we will share that information with you mid-week.

### **CEBCO Update on Benefits and Eligibility for Health Care Coverage**

CEBCO sent a Program Alert today updating members on benefits and eligibility for health care coverage during COVID-19. To read the alert, click [here](#).

### **Register for Friday's HR Webinar: Layoffs and Furloughs under Civil Service Law**

CCAO will hold an HR webinar on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Counties and other public employers are facing revenue uncertainty as a result of the economic downturn from the Coronavirus. For most public employers, personnel costs comprise a substantial portion of expenditures. As a result, employers may need to consider temporary furloughs or other personnel measures as a means to reduce expenditures. In addition, some departments may be experiencing a reduction in the workload during the pandemic. This webinar will summarize civil service laws governing layoffs and furloughs and provide an update on other employment law issues arising from the coronavirus.

Presenter: Marc A. Fishel, Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP

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

### **BWC Board Approves Dividends**

Today, the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Board of Directors approved Gov. DeWine's proposal to send up to \$1.6 billion in dividends to Ohio employers to ease the economic impact of COVID-19 on the business community. To view the BWC press release on the vote, click [here](#). The dividend is BWC's sixth of \$1 billion or more since 2013 and seventh overall in that time. This dividend equals approximately 100% of the premiums employers paid in policy year 2018. BWC will apply the dividend to an employer's outstanding balances first, including the recent installment deferrals. Any amounts exceeding outstanding balances will be sent to the employer. Approximately \$1.4 billion will go to private employers and approximately \$200 million will go to local government taxing districts (counties, cities, schools, etc.). Checks will start going out later this month.

### **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, April 13th. 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.

### **Other Resources**

[Jobs Ohio Economic Impact Update 4.9.2020](#)

[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 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 [rmassoud@ccao.org](mailto:rmassoud@ccao.org).