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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: APRIL 14, 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](#)
5. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law](#)

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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 7,280 confirmed cases. There have been 324 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

The administration is asking for help from the manufacturing community. They encourage manufacturers to visit <https://repurposingproject.com/> to see what the state needs help providing and for more information.

If you want to help Ohio's response to this pandemic, you can contact the state at together@governor.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's April 14th press conference can be found [here](#). The administration plans to hold daily press conferences at 2 p.m. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

County Talk: Budget Reductions

As counties begin to make adjustments to their budgets during the pandemic, CCAO would like to share examples of the changes counties are implementing. The articles below range from mid-March to mid-April.

[Seneca County Commissioners cut personnel costs by 20%, may result in offices open four days a week](#)



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[Cuyahoga County to impose mandatory furloughs for some workers](#)

[Montgomery County expects \\$20 million revenue loss, plans cuts](#)

[Stark commissioners cut 2020 budget](#)

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

CCAO will hold an HR webinar on Friday, April 17th 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. **The webinar is filling up quickly so be sure to register soon.** 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.

U.S. Department of Treasury Issues Procedures for CARES Act Funds

The U.S. Department of Treasury released procedures for applying for Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars. Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provides for payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. A unit of local government eligible for receipt of direct payment includes a county, municipality, town, township, village, parish, borough, or other unit of general government below the State level with a population that exceeds 500,000. Governments eligible for payments must provide payment information and required supporting documentation through the electronic form accessible [here](#). To ensure payments are made within the 30 day period specified by the CARES Act, governments must submit completed payment materials not later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 17, 2020.

Lt. Gov. Husted, OBM Dir. Murnieks to join CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO COVID-19 Weekly Briefing Call

Starting this week, CCAO, CORSA and CEBCO will host one briefing call per week. **The calls will be on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.** The next call will be Thursday, April 16th. Lt. Governor Jon Husted and Office of Budget and Management Director Kimberly Murnieks plan to join Thursday's call so long as circumstances permit. 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.

White House Briefing Call Registration Wednesday 4/15

Senior Administration Officials will hold a conference call on Wednesday, April 15 at 3 p.m. Registration information is below.

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Time (please note time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Please note the following information regarding registration.

- Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.
- Upon successful registration, you will be directed to a separate webpage with confirmation details and/or receive dial-in instructions to the email address you use to register. Please ensure the email address you register with is correct and check your spam/junk folder after registration. If neither action occurs, you did not successfully register.
- If you are attempting to register but cannot "submit" your information, please try again at a later time.
- Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information. This will cause you to be kicked-off the call.

Other Resources

[Office of National Drug Control Policy COVID-19 Fact Sheet](#)

[White House Briefing 4.13.2020](#)

[JobsOhio Economic Impact Report 4.13.2020](#)

[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. 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.