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RE: APRIL 28, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CAB: COVID-19 Employment Related FAQs](#)
2. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law](#)
3. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 4.22.2020](#)
4. [Treasury FAQs 4.22.2020](#)
5. [CAB: COVID-19 and Collective Bargaining Issues](#)
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Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio now has 16,796 cases. There have been 799 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

Current information regarding reopening can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/responsiblerestartohio>.

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 28th press conference can be found [here](#). The administration plans to hold press conferences daily at 2 p.m. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Update on Reopening Guidelines

During his press conference today, Gov. DeWine announced some changes from yesterday's reopening requirements. **The mandatory face covering requirement has been changed to a recommended face covering in all categories.** Face coverings and masks will not be mandated for retail customers, but the



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governor stated it is still considered best practice. The governor indicated that employers can require everyone to have face coverings in their business – it is an employer decision.

The most up to date guidelines can be found [here](#). Remember counties fall into the [General Office Environment](#) category.

The governor also announced today that he is forming two new groups related to reopening. The first will look at the safest way to reopen bars and restaurants and the second will work on a safe way to reopen barber shops and salons. The administration has reached out to the four legislative leaders to help them identify people who work in these fields every day.

Lt. Gov. Husted indicated that the administration is putting together an FAQ document that they will release in the following days regarding reopening. CCAO will be sure to share that information when we receive it.

As we get closer to May 4th, it is crucial that county commissioners, county executives, and county councils convene other county officials to develop a countywide strategy for following the guidelines listed above as Ohio reopens. We will continue to share sample plans with you. If your county has examples you would like to share, please contact Policy Analyst Adam Schwiebert at aschwiebert@ccao.org.

Further reopening information can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/responsiblerestartohio>.

Local Government Strike Force sends memo with recommendation for distribution of CARES Act Funds to Ohio's local governments

The governor's Local Government Strike Force sent a [memo](#) to the governor and legislative leaders with recommendations for distribution of CARES Act Funds to Ohio's local governments. Strike Force members include CCAO, the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio Mayors' Alliance and the Ohio Township Association. We encourage you to read this important memo [here](#). These recommendations apply to the distribution of the "COVID-19 Local Government Relief Fund" to local governments under 500,000 in population.

CORSA Risk Control Service Bulletin on Reopening

CORSA released a Risk Control Service Bulletin today regarding reopening. To read this bulletin, click [here](#).

White House 4/29 Briefing Call Registration

On **Wednesday, April 29, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join Senior Administration Officials for a briefing call on COVID-19 (coronavirus). We will be joined by officials from the White House Office of American Innovation (OAI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S. Department of the Treasury (USDT), and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), among others. Topics of discussion will include a response and recovery update as well as **recent announcements**. Registration instructions are below.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, April 29

Time: 4:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and 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.
- Registration closes once the call reaches capacity or two hours prior to call start time.

CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO COVID-19 Weekly Briefing Call

CCAO, CORSA and CEBCO are hosting a weekly briefing call during the COVID-19 pandemic. **The calls will be on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.** The next call will be Thursday, April 30th at 3:30 p.m. 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

[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.