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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: APRIL 3, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CAB on Virtual Meetings during COVID-19](#)
2. [Emergency Declarations FAQ](#)
3. [CAB on COVID-19 Employment Related FAQs](#)
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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 3,312 confirmed cases. There have been 91 COVID-19 related deaths.

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 3rd press conference can be found [here](#). Tomorrow's press conference (Saturday 4/4) will begin at 2:15 pm. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Support for Hospital Systems' Long-Term Viability

During the CCAO Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, the Board approved supporting the long-term viability of Ohio's hospital systems, particularly our community hospitals and rural hospitals, as the coronavirus outbreak strains the systems.



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Many hospitals have had to cancel elective procedures, which is one way they make money, as they prepare for an increase in cases as the virus spreads. Thus, some facilities are operating at a deficit and have limited reserves.

CCAO members recognize the importance of community hospitals and want to make sure Ohio's hospital systems will be financially viable in the months to come. Many hospitals are the largest employer in some counties and all add to the quality of life and economic development of regions.

Therefore, CCAO supports federal and state financial backing that may be needed to help our hospitals with their long-term viability. If you have questions about this, please contact CCAO Staffer Cheryl Subler at csubler@ccao.org or at 614-746-8507.

Recording and Presentation from today's HR Webinar: Update to Employment Implications and Options During the Coronavirus Pandemic

The PowerPoint of today's HR webinar on Employment Implications and Options during the Coronavirus Pandemic is available [here](#). The recording of the webinar is available [here](#). Thank you to Jeffrey A. Stankunas, Attorney at Law, Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teetor LLC for presenting.

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 6th. Joel Potts, Executive Director of the Ohio Job and Family Service Directors' Association and Angela Sausser, Executive Director of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, will join our call to discuss how COVID-19 is impacting human services in our counties. 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.

Register for CCAO's 2nd Wednesday Webinar: Managing Employees in an Election Year

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on Wednesday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. on "Managing Employees in an Election Year." This webinar will address some of the legal issues public employers can expect to face as we near the 2020 presidential campaign. Topics will include a discussion of public employers' rights and limitations with a focus on constitutional issues and the use of social media. Our Speaker will be Marc A. Fishel, a partner with the law firm 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.

Leadership during COVID-19

As leaders in their communities, county commissioners, executives, and council members are having to navigate the pandemic response in front of an audience in real time. Though this is challenging, our members have risen to the occasion. As CCAO looks for ways to support our members as they lead during these uncertain times, we wanted to share this quick read with some good insights for leaders: [“Are You Leading Through the Crisis ... or Managing the Response?”](#) from Harvard Business Review.

Additionally, we'd like to share examples of our members' videos and social media posts providing local leadership. The Hamilton County Commissioners shared [this video](#) on Twitter last week encouraging people in their community to stay home.

Thank you for everything you are doing to help keep Ohioans in your communities safe. We appreciate you!

Other Resources

[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.