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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: APRIL 6, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

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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 4,450 confirmed cases. There have been 142 COVID-19 related deaths. To read the governor's press release following the press conference, click [here](#). Highlights include: Sites Selected for Enhanced Hospital Capacity; Ohio National Guard to Assist Federal Prison; and Dispute Resolution Commission Now Active.

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 6th press conference can be found [here](#). The administration plans to hold daily press conferences at 2 pm. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Office of Budget and Management Releases Preliminary March Revenue Data

The Office of Budget and Management released preliminary March 2020 revenue data. Total General Revenue Fund tax receipts finished the month \$159.4 million (-10.5%) below estimate. March sales and use tax revenues missed estimates by 8.3 percent (\$68.0 million, split between non-auto sales and use taxes which



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were \$66.6 million below estimate and auto sales and use taxes which were \$1.4 million below estimate). Because both sales tax categories performed above estimate through the end of February, fiscal year-to-date sales tax receipts continue to exceed fiscal year-to-date estimates by \$77.4 million (1.0%). To read the full release and see the tables, click [here](#).

ODH Guidance: Dispute Resolution Commission

The Ohio Department of Health released a document titled “COVID-19 Guidance on Dispute Resolutions for Essential and Non-Essential Businesses.” To read the document, click [here](#). The process is:

1. Business owner, or local health department, submits a [dispute resolution request form](#) to dispute.resolution@odh.ohio.gov.
2. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) assigns the dispute resolution request with a number, reviews the submission, contacts the local health department for more information, and then shares with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).
3. PUCO then compiles cases, prepares meeting agenda, and publishes a meeting agenda on the ODH website with all requests to be considered.
4. The Dispute Resolution Commission convenes virtually, reviews each case, and makes a determination.
 - a. All Commission meeting minutes and opinions will be published on the ODH website with specific date and time specified for enforcement.
 - b. Opinions and recommendations become final orders 48 hours after date and time of issuance absent action by ODH director or designee.
 - c. ODH sends opinions and recommendations to local authorities and requestees.

The Commission will convene as needed and endeavor to make determinations on dispute resolution requests submitted within 24 hours.

Attorney General Dave Yost FAQs on Ohio’s Open Meetings Act during COVID-19

Attorney General Yost released Frequently Asked Questions for Ohio’s Open Meetings Act Under the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. To read the FAQs, click [here](#).

Updated County Unemployment Claim Numbers

To view updated county unemployment claim numbers, click [here](#). These numbers reflect the week ending 3/28. Statewide initial claims increased by 77,918 from the week before. If you have questions, please contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Jon Honeck at jhoneck@ccao.org.

ODH Guidance: How to Request Resources Through Your County EMA

The Ohio Department of Health released guidance on “How to Request Resources Through Your County EMA.” To read the guidance, click [here](#).

County Talk – Cotton Masks

If your county is having problems finding cotton masks (not N95 masks) for your staff to wear, please contact Cheryl Subler at csubler@ccao.org.

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: [Managing Employee Stress and Anxiety During the Coronavirus](#) from Psychology Today.

Additionally, we'd like to share examples of our members' videos and social media posts providing local leadership. Today we're sharing three videos of the Fairfield County Commissioners:

[Commissioner Jeff Fix](#)

[Commissioner Dave Levacy](#)

[Commissioner Steve Davis](#)

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

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 Thursday, April 9th. 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

[White House Briefing Call Registration](#)

[Lt. Governor Husted Update on Economic Support](#)

[Facebook Live Training Information](#)

[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.