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

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RE: APRIL 7, 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](#)
4. [Other HR Related CABs](#)
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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 4,782 confirmed cases. There have been 167 COVID-19 related deaths.

Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted announced the formation of the Office of Small Business Relief in response to the economic effects of COVID-19 on Ohio's small business community. The new office will be housed in the Development Services Agency. More information can be found at <https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>.

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 7th 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.

County Advisory Bulletin: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law



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With the inevitable shortfall of sales tax, casino revenue, state general fund receipts which will reduce the Local Government Fund distribution, and other revenue declines resulting from the economic downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic, counties will need to look at reducing their expenditures. For most public employers, personnel costs comprise a substantial portion of expenditures. As a result, counties may need to consider layoffs and/or furloughs as a means to reduce expenditures. CCAO asked Marc Fishel of Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP to summarize the civil service laws governing layoffs and furloughs. To read the County Advisory Bulletin on this topic, click [here](#).

Register for Tomorrow's 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.

CORSA Risk Control Service Bulletin: Operational Changes During Ohio's Stay at Home Order

CORSA released a Risk Control Service Bulletin on Operational Changes during Ohio's Stay at Home Order. To read this important document, click [here](#).

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Call Tomorrow, Wednesday 4/8

Dr. Paul Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is hosting a Town Hall tomorrow, Wednesday, April 8th at 4:00 pm to discuss VA services and benefits during COVID-19. To participate, dial 844-227-7557 at 4:00 pm tomorrow.

To read more about the extended financial, benefits and claims relief to veterans, click [here](#).

Broadband Hotspots

[BroadbandOhio](#) has been working with providers to find public hotspot locations that Ohioans can use in areas where they may not otherwise have access to the internet from home. You can see a list of the hotspots [here](#). Providers not currently listed that are offering public wi-fi hotspots are encouraged to email together@governor.ohio.gov with contact information and a representative from [BroadbandOhio](#) will follow up.

Ohio House of Representatives Forms Economic Task Force

The Ohio House of Representatives formed an Economic Task Force in response to COVID-19. The Task Force had a virtual organizational meeting yesterday. The members of the Task Force are:

- Chairman Paul Zeltwanger (R-Mason)
- Vice-Chairman Terrence Upchurch (D-Cleveland)
- Rep. Brian Baldrige (R-Winchester)
- Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township)
- Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire)
- Rep. Jon Cross (R-Kenton)
- Rep. Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville)

- Rep. Tavia Galonski (D-Akron)
- Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake)
- Rep. Brett Hillyer (R-Uhrichsville)
- Rep. Adam Holmes (R-Nashport)
- Rep. Don Jones (R-Freeport)
- Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City)
- Rep. George Lang (R-West Chester)
- Rep. Jeff LaRe (R-Violet Township)
- Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus)
- Rep. Jessica Miranda (D-Forest Park)
- Rep. Jena Powell (R-Arcanum)
- Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon)
- Rep. Dick Stein (R-Norwalk)
- Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus (R-Paris Township)
- Rep. D.J. Swearingen (R-Huron)
- Rep. Nino Vitale (R-Urbana)
- Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton)

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](#)

[FEMA 4.6.2020 Daily Briefing Notes](#)

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes](#)

[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

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