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Cheryl Subler, Executive Director

**April 8, 2020**

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

**FROM:** CHERYL SUBLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RACHEL MASSOUD, POLICY ANALYST  
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**RE:** APRIL 8, 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 5,148 confirmed cases. There have been 193 COVID-19 related deaths. The press release following the governor's press conference can be found [here](#). Highlights include: Continue Staying Home, Correction Officer Death, PPE Sterilization, Child Abuse Reports, Proposed \$1.6 Million Dividend for Employers.

Gov. DeWine asked the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC) to send up to \$1.6 billion in dividends to Ohio employers to ease the economic impact of COVID-19 on the business community. This dividend equals approximately 100% of the premiums employers paid in policy year 2018. BWC will apply the dividend to an employer's outstanding balances first, including the recent installment deferrals. Any amounts exceeding outstanding balances will be sent to the employer. If approved by BWC's Board of Directors, approximately \$1.4 billion will go to private employers and approximately \$200 million will go to local government taxing districts (counties, cities, schools, etc.). Checks will start going out later this month.

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](mailto:together@governor.ohio.gov).



Fax: 614-220-0209  
[www.corsa.org](http://www.corsa.org)



Fax: 614-229-4588  
[www.cebco.org](http://www.cebco.org)



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A video of the governor's April 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

### **Cloth Masks for Counties**

The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance has reached out to CCAO for help gauging how many cloth, basic loop masks counties are looking for purchase for their employees. **These are NOT N95 masks.** To see the specs of the masks, click [here](#).

The cost is \$2/mask. Please email Cheryl Subler at [csubler@ccao.org](mailto:csubler@ccao.org) with the amount of masks you are interested in purchasing by noon tomorrow (Thursday 4/9).

### **2020 CCAO Roster Available Online**

The 2020 CCAO Roster is now available online. To view the roster, click [here](#). We hope the roster will help our counties connect with each other during this time.

### **CCAO Letter to Ohio Congressional Delegation**

CCAO President Carl Davis, Monroe County Commissioner, sent a [letter](#) to Ohio's Congressional Delegation regarding the rules and guidelines for the implementation of the CARES Act, including the Coronavirus Relief Fund distribution. The letter also addresses the CCAO Board of Directors supporting the long-term viability of Ohio's hospital systems, particularly our community hospitals and rural hospitals, as the coronavirus outbreak strains their finances. To read the full letter, click [here](#).

### **NACo Letter to Congressional Leaders**

NACo sent [this letter](#) to congressional leaders urging them to provide direct and flexible funding and resources to counties of all sizes in any subsequent relief packages. To read the full letter, click [here](#).

### **OSU Extension Event Cancellations**

Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Studies Dean Kress and OSU Extension Interim Director Wilkins sent [this letter](#) to Executive Director Cheryl Subler announcing that Ohio State extended their event cancellation to July 6<sup>th</sup>. This means ANY university event scheduled between now and July 6 will be canceled, and no new university events will be scheduled until that time. This includes all face-to-face OSU Extension events and programs. Virtual programs and events are still being held. To read the full letter, click [here](#).

### **Ohio Hospital Association Guidance on Allocating Resources**

The Ohio Hospital Association released its guidelines for allocating resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read the guidance [here](#).

### **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 tomorrow, 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.

### **Recording from CCAO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Webinar: Managing Employees in an Election Year**

The recording of today's webinar on "Managing Employees in an Election Year" can be found [here](#). Thank you to Marc A. Fishel, a partner with the law firm Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP, for presenting.

### **Other Resources**

[FEMA 4.7.2020 Daily Briefing Notes](#)

[Updated ODJFS FAQs 4.8.2020](#)

[JobsOhio Update and Economic Impact Memo | 4.7.2020](#)

[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](http://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](mailto:aschwiebert@ccao.org), or Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at [rmassoud@ccao.org](mailto:rmassoud@ccao.org).