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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: MAY 1, 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: Stay Safe Ohio Order

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio now has 18,743 COVID-19 cases. There have been 1,002 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

ODH Director Amy Acton signed a new order last night called the "[Stay Safe Ohio Order](#)." The order goes into effect today. To read the order, click [here](#). Gov. DeWine stated that, though the order expiration date is May 29th, Ohioans shouldn't read too much into that date because new orders will be issued during May. There will be other industries allowed to reopen during May.

Today, retailers are permitted to open for curbside pickup, delivery and shopping by appointment, per the order.

Gov. DeWine is forming several work groups to look at other industries reopening. He expects to make more announcements in the coming weeks.

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



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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 May 1st press conference can be found [here](#). There will not be a press conference this weekend. Daily 2 p.m. press conferences will resume on Monday. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

NACo Webinar on Federal Funding – May 4th

NACo is hosting a webinar federal funding on Monday. The description and registration link is below:

Accessing the \$2 Trillion COVID-19 Fund: Navigating Federal Funding Streams and Preparing for Federal Reimbursement

Monday, May 4th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Please join the National Association of Counties in partnership with Witt O'Brien's for an upcoming webinar series for NACo members affected by COVID-19. The series will highlight first steps for members in need of a plan for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements. For registration information, click [here](#).

Auditor of State Faber Memo to Local Governments

Auditor of State Keith Faber sent a [memo](#) to local governments last week regarding COVID-19 Economic and Budgetary Impacts. To read the memo, click [here](#).

Upcoming CCAO Webinars

CCAO is sponsoring two webinars the first half of May. Details for each webinar and links to register are below:

Navigating the Workplace Accommodation Process

Wednesday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Public employers must operate under a variety of rules and regulations stemming from a multitude of laws governing the workplace. One such occurrence is when an employee requests a leave of absence or an accommodation for an illness, injury, religious belief or pregnancy. If such requests are not handled properly, an employer could face liability under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") or Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

This webinar will provide an overview of the accommodation process and discuss management's responsibilities during the interactive process when faced with an employee's request for an accommodation. Case law will be reviewed throughout.

Further, the webinar will discuss the legal landscape of workplace accommodations in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Presenter: Brad E. Bennett, Bricker & Eckler

[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.

CCAO and Montrose Group COVID 19 Economic Recovery Webinar Series: County Models and State & Federal Funding Approaches

Friday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m.

COVID 19's public health impact is just the start. Strategies designed to slow the spread of the virus caused a nearly 5% drop in the U.S. GDP in the first quarter of 2020, sales tax revenues in March for the state of Ohio dropped 8% and the impact on county government from a revenue decline and service expansion will be challenging. Please join the Montrose Group, a Columbus, Ohio based economic development and public policy consulting firm, for a free webinar to learn about how counties can craft a COVID 19 economic recovery strategy. The discussion will include creative county approaches to COVID 19 economic recovery and how state and federal funding approaches can play a role in COVID 19 economic recovery.

[Click here](#) to register to this timely educational opportunity.

CCAO releases spring edition of County Leader

CCAO released the spring edition of [County Leader](#), CCAO's quarterly e-magazine. This edition focuses largely on the county response to COVID-19. To view the magazine, click [here](#).

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, May 7th 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.