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

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RE: MAY 11, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CAB: Employees Returning to Work FAQs](#)
2. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law](#)
3. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 4.22.2020](#)
4. [Treasury FAQs 5.4.2020](#)
5. [CAB: COVID-19 and Collective Bargaining Issues](#)
6. [Reopening Information](#)

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Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio now has 24,777 COVID-19 cases. There have been 1,357 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

The governor did not make an announcement on childcare today as originally anticipated. The administration is still working on the plan for reopening daycares.

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

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 11th press conference can be found [here](#). The administration will hold a press conference tomorrow at 2 p.m. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Updated County Unemployment Claim Numbers



Fax: 614-220-0209
www.corsa.org



Fax: 614-229-4588
www.cebco.org



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To view updated county unemployment claim numbers, click [here](#). Initial Ohio unemployment claims fell to 61,083 for the week ending May 2. This was a decline of 34 percent from the prior week, but well above the May 2019 weekly average of 6,935. Nearly 759,000 continued claims were filed during the week, a two percent decline from the prior week. Members with questions should contact Jon Honeck, jhoneck@ccao.org, 614-600-8900.

County Talk: Supporting Small Businesses

As counties continue to look for ways to support small businesses in their community that are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CCAO would like to share more examples of county responses:

[Tuscarawas County Restart Tusc Program](#)

If your county has a program or other initiative to help small businesses, please send information to Policy Analyst Rachel Massoud at rmassoud@ccao.org.

Register for Virtual Neighborhood Connections Kick-Off Meeting – May 12th

The Office of Children Services Transformation is partnering with Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association to begin hosting [bi-weekly Zoom meetings](#) (1 hour) for any non-profit and community organizations who provide resources and supports to children and families. The virtual meetings will allow organizations to share innovative practices and strategies, as well as challenges and barriers experienced during COVID-19. The kick-off meeting is tomorrow, May 12th at 12 p.m. To register and view more information, click [here](#).

Upcoming CCAO Webinars – May 13th and May 15th

CCAO is sponsoring two webinars this week. 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/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 14th at 3:30 p.m. The call-in information is:

**Dial 1-877-273-4202
Access code 889-229-624**

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 keep our calls focused and concise and provide the best experience possible for our participants.

County Reentry and Return to Work Documents

As counties begin to reopen their buildings and have employees return to work, CCAO wanted to provide some examples of policies for employees and visitors that are being put into place. If you wish to share your examples, please send them to Rachel Massoud at rmassoud@ccao.org.

Other Resources

[ODJFS Director Hall 5.11.2020 Weekly Call Notes](#)

[FEMA Daily Briefing Points 5.11.2020](#)

[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. 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.