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RE: MAY 14, 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](#)
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Reminder: CCAO will not send a memo tomorrow. We hope you have a nice weekend!

Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference: Updated reopening schedule including child care, BMVs, outdoor recreation

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine and ODH Director Acton announced that Ohio now has 26,357 COVID-19 cases. There have been 1,534 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted made several announcements today regarding reopening, the most anticipated of which is child care reopening. Child care providers are able to reopen on May 31st. There are several strict guidelines that providers must follow in order to reopen, including reduced staff to children ratios, maximum group sizes, and increased sanitizing. The full safety protocols can be found [here](#). The administration released a document titled "What Parents Should Know About Sending Children Back to Child Care" which you can read [here](#).

Below is an updated reopening schedule, including the announcements made today. All sectors are required to follow safety protocols if they choose to reopen. [Safety protocols](#) will be posted [here](#) as they are finalized. Lt. Gov. Husted indicated that all protocols will be posted by the end of the day tomorrow.



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May 15th – [Outdoor dining](#) at restaurants can resume; [personal care services](#), including tattoo and piercing services, can reopen; [sectors licensed by the State Medical Board of Ohio](#), including massage therapy, acupuncture and cosmetic therapy, can reopen

May 21st – [Campgrounds](#) can reopen; [inside dining](#) at restaurants can resume.

May 22nd – Horse racing can resume without spectators. Casinos and racinos will remain closed.

May 26th – BMVs reopening for limited services (services that can be accomplished online should still be done online); gyms, recreations centers and dance studios can reopen; limited or no contact sports leagues can resume; pools can reopen (not water parks or amusement parks)

May 31st – [Child care providers](#) can reopen; day camps can reopen.

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 14th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next press conference is scheduled for Monday at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

State sending county EMAs washable/reusable cotton masks tomorrow

County EMA directors were recently advised by the Ohio EMA that the State will be sending 1 million washable/reusable cotton masks to county EMAs. The distribution uses a per capita basis by county and will occur on Friday, May 15. This allotment is intended to be distributed by the local EMAs to local government entities within the EMA's jurisdiction – county, municipal, and township – to deploy as each chooses based on their determination of highest and best use within that political subdivision. EMAs were encouraged to consult and collaborate with their local political subdivision partners to determine the allocation plan within the county.

The State is working with the Ohio Manufacturers' Association to support Ohio-based companies to manufacture reusable face coverings as part of the Manufacturing Alliance to Fight Covid-19 (<https://repurposingproject.com/>). In support of this effort, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services committed \$2.5 million to buy 1 million masks.

We encourage you to work with your county EMA leaders to discuss the needs and best uses of the reusable masks in your county.

Auditor of State Faber's Stakeholder Forum

Auditor of State Keith Faber invites counties to participate in an online stakeholder forum. The forum is local online at <http://stakeholders.ohioauditor.gov> and will be used to facilitate communication between the Auditor and counties, along with other stakeholders, as a way to work together to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 crisis. To learn more about this stakeholder forum, click [here](#).

Ohio Initial Jobless Claims for Sunday, May 3, through Saturday, May 9, 2020

For the week ending May 9, 2020, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 51,125 initial jobless claims to the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last eight weeks (1,169,694) is more than the combined total of those filed during the last three years. To read more, click [here](#).

Upcoming CCAO Webinar – Tomorrow May 15th

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 21st 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.

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.