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

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**RE:** MAY 19, 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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### **Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference: Stay Safe Ohio Order replaced with Urgent Health Advisory – Ohioans Protecting Ohioans**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio now has 28,952 COVID-19 cases. There have been 1,720 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

Gov. DeWine announced today that he is replacing the Stay Safe Ohio Order with an "Urgent Health Advisory: Ohioans Protecting Ohioans." Highlights from the new Urgent Health Advisory include:

- The new advisory incorporates six feet of social distancing; a limit of 10 people for mass gatherings; frequent handwashing; and other sanitizing efforts.
- It incorporates all of the business orders about social distancing and sanitation, including employees wearing masks, as well as efforts to protect employees and efforts to protect the public.



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- It considers our most vulnerable Ohioans as those who can suffer the worst impacts from the virus. The order strongly recommends that high-risk Ohioans stay at home as much as possible. They should avoid places where they are likely to encounter a lot of people.
- The Urgent Health Advisory recommends (but does not require) all other Ohioans to stay at their place of residence when possible with the intent of lowering the rate of spread of COVID-19.
- The order no longer includes travel restrictions. It no longer requests that Ohioans returning from out of state travel quarantine for 14 days, unless they are showing symptoms of COVID-19. However, while unnecessary travel within or outside of the state of Ohio is still permitted, it is not encouraged.

**Public health orders and advisories can be found [here](#).**

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

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).

A video of the governor's May 19<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next press conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

### **Senate Bill 310 Proponent Testimony in House Committee**

The House Finance Committee held its second hearing on Senate Bill 310 today and heard proponent testimony. CCAO along with multiple other local government organizations submitted written testimony in support of the bill, which you can read [here](#). The bill would allocate \$350 million in federal CARES Act funds to Ohio local governments to fund non-budgeted COVID-19 related expenses. The usage of these funds is limited by the federal statute. The federal guidelines explicitly prohibit these funds from being used to fill lost revenue. CCAO encourages our members to contact their state representative to ask for swift passage of SB 310. To view yesterday's legislative alert on SB 310, click [here](#).

### **Auditor of State Faber Advisory Memo on County Revenues and the COVID-19 Economic Impacts**

Auditor of State Faber sent an advisory memo to counties regarding "County Revenues and the COVID-19 Economic Impacts." To read a copy of the memo, click [here](#).

### **Upcoming CCAO Webinar – Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – How to Use FEMA Public Assistance Funding During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Federal funding is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help states and local governments fight the COVID-19 pandemic. CCAO will offer a free webinar on **Friday, May 22, at 1:00 p.m.**, that will provide an overview of the FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program. This an established program that provides limited reimbursement to state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Presenter:** Laura Adcock, Disaster Recovery Branch Chief, Ohio Emergency Management Agency

[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](mailto:nbenson@ccao.org), CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

### **Registration for tomorrow's White House Briefing Call**

On **Wednesday, May 20, at 2:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join Secretary Alex Azar (*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*), Commissioner Stephen Hahn (*U.S. Food & Drug Administration*), and Senior Administration Officials for a national COVID-19 briefing call. See below for call registration instructions. We appreciate your continued partnership and coordination in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response to COVID-19.

### **Briefing Call Registration**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 20

**Time:** 2:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and time zone)

**Call-In Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Note:** Please note the following information regarding registration.

- Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received. Please register only if you are able to join the call.
- Upon successful registration, you will be directed to a separate webpage with confirmation details and/or receive dial-in instructions to the email address you use to register. Please ensure the email address you register with is correct and check your spam/junk folder after registration. If neither action occurs, you did not successfully register.
- If you are attempting to register but cannot "submit" your information, please try again at a later time.
- Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information. This will cause you to be kicked-off the call.
- Registration closes once the call reaches capacity or two hours prior to call start time.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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