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

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**RE:** MAY 27, 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](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

**Note: Gov. DeWine did not hold a press conference today. The next press conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th at 2 p.m. Ohio has now had 33,439 COVID-19 cases. There have been 2,044 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.**

### Return to Work CAB Change: Employees leaving the state for vacation

Due to the recent health order that amended Section 5 of the Stay Safe Ohio order, Marc Fishel has updated his Return to Work FAQ document regarding employees leaving the state on vacation leave. The answer to this item, number 11, can be found [here](#) and is also copied below.

### **11. How should I treat employees who leave the State on vacation leave?**

**Answer: AFTER MAY 20, 2020:** On May 20, 2020, ODH issued an order that rescinds and modifies the April 30 order. Specifically, this order amended section 5 of the April 30, 2020 order. Section 5 of the April 30 order was the provision that, among other things, recommended a 14 day self-quarantine for individuals returning from out of state travel. The amendment eliminates this recommendation. Based on this provision of the May 20, 2020, ODH order, counties no longer have the authority to require employees to self-quarantine upon returning from out of state absent specific facts beyond simply travelling out of state. For example, a period of



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quarantine may still be permissible if the employee came into contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or the employee is exhibiting symptoms of the virus. This change should be applied to any employee returning from out of state travel even if the employee was initially told self-quarantine would be required upon return.

### **County Unemployment Insurance Claims**

Initial claims for unemployment insurance declined to 46,062 for the week ending May 16, about 10 percent less than the week prior. Continuing claims for unemployment remained over 700,000 for the fifth straight week. For county-level data, please click [here](#).

### **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:

#### [Lake County Business Assistance Programs](#)

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](mailto:rmassoud@ccao.org).

### **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 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. The call-in information is:

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

On tomorrow's call, representatives from the Ohio Treasurer of State's office will discuss the Treasurer's **COVID-19 Community Response Initiative**. The initiative will make access to capital markets easier and cheaper by offering a short-term note for all local governments wishing to participate. The issuance of tax anticipation notes is one option available to local governments to ease liquidity strain, allowing them to accelerate fiscal year cash flows and address temporary shortfalls caused by delayed revenue. Most importantly, the COVID-19 Community Response Initiative may provide local governments with much-needed interest cost savings in comparison to other debt issuance options. To read a description of the program, click [here](#).

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**

[ODJFS Updated Q&A Document 5.27.2020](#)

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes](#)

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security Weekly Update](#)

[FEMA Daily Briefing Points 5.26.2020](#)

[Current Information Regarding Reopening](#)

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[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 want to help Ohio's response to this pandemic, you can contact the state at [together@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:together@governor.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).