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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: MAY 8, 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 regular press conference schedule will resume Monday at 2 p.m. Have a great weekend!

Preliminary County Sales Tax Data

CCAO has been working with the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT), in an effort to expedite the reporting of estimated Sales Tax revenues for member counties, so that each county can understand the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on this vital source of county revenue, as quickly as possible.

In response to these efforts, the Ohio Department of Taxation has forwarded [partial and preliminary non-auto sales tax data](#) for March sales, which is ODT's April accounting period and normally not reported and dispersed to counties until mid-June. Click [here](#) to view the data. The data provides county and transit authority officials with a potential indication of tax revenue performance in advance of complete and actual distributions. Approximately two weeks after the release of this information, ODT will send an update with the addition of a second table for **auto sales tax** remitted to the state by county clerk of courts.

The reports provided to counties will include a comparison to the same month in the prior year's receipts in the same categories. It is important to note that the estimates included in the report represent preliminary gross



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sales and will not include any adjustments, assessments, refunds or the 1% administrative fee, so final results will vary.

The ODT will continue to provide these advanced estimates every month, throughout the pandemic.

Questions should be directed to the Ohio Department of Taxation at:

Ohio Department of Taxation
Fiscal Services Division
Revenue Accounting
RevenueAccounting@tax.state.oh.us
(614) 466-7150

CORSA Risk Control Service Bulletin: Teleconferencing and Video Meetings

CORSA released a Risk Control Service Bulletin addressing teleconferencing and video meetings today. To read this bulletin, click [here](#).

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.

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:

[Hamilton County announces new program to help small businesses](#)

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.

Upcoming CCAO Webinars – May 13th and May 15th

CCAO is sponsoring two webinars next 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. Staff from the Department of Taxation will join the call to discuss revenue numbers. 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.

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in Ohio

Ohio now has 23,016 COVID-19 cases. There have been 1,306 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

Other Resources

[JobsOhio 5.8.2020 Economic Impact Memo](#)

[FEMA Daily Briefing Points 5.8.2020](#)

[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.