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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: JUNE 2, 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 5.28.2020](#)
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Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio has now had 36,350 COVID-19 cases. There have been 2,258 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

The governor announced today that health care providers may resume all surgeries and procedures that had previously been delayed.

On Friday, ODH Director Acton signed a Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing. You can read the order [here](#). General Office Environment guidelines are included. The order is currently set to remain in effect until July 1st.

Lt. Gov. Husted announced the creation of three programs to help small and medium-sized businesses in Ohio during the COVID-19 pandemic. The programs will be administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency:

- Ohio PPE Retooling and Reshoring Grant Program



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- Ohio Minority Micro-Enterprise Grant Program
- Appalachian Region Loan Program

Ohio small businesses can learn more about these and other resources available through the Office of Small Business Relief and Development at [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/BusinessHelp](https://www.ohio.gov/businesshelp).

A video of the governor's June 2nd press conference can be found [here](#). **The next press conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 4th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Upcoming CCAO Webinar “Understanding the Federal CARES Act: How Counties can use Coronavirus Relief Fund Payments” – Friday, June 5th

CCAO will hold a webinar on Friday, June 5th at 1 p.m. titled “Understanding the Federal CARES Act: How Counties can use Coronavirus Relief Fund Payments.” The federal CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide payments to states and local governments to cover costs related to COVID-19. The state of Ohio is preparing to distribute \$350 million of these funds to counties, municipalities, and townships in Senate Bill 310. Counties have until December 30, 2020 to spend these resources. Eligible expenses are defined by U.S. Treasury guidelines and the funds are subject to federal audit. The webinar will provide an overview of how counties can use Coronavirus Relief Funds to cover COVID-19 expenses and to support businesses and individuals who have been affected by economic adversity related to the pandemic. CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Jon Honeck will present the webinar.

[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.

U.S. Treasury released an updated FAQ document regarding these funds last Friday, which you can read [here](#).

Action Needed: Please Contact Your State Representative and Ohio House Leadership and Ask Them to Quickly Pass Senate Bill 310

The House Finance Committee is holding its fourth hearing on [Senate Bill 310](#) today. **CCAO is asking our members to please contact their state representative(s) and ask them to quickly pass SB 310.** The bill would allocate \$350 million in federal CARES Act funds to Ohio local governments to fund non-budgeted COVID-19 related expenses. SB 310 mimics the Local Government Fund (LGF) to distribute funds to counties, municipalities and townships. The LGF is a well-known and established formula to distribute these dollars quickly to local governments. Under the bill, local governments can expect to receive around 110-120 percent of their 2019 LGF distribution in CARES Act funds. 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, as well as the [Ohio House Majority leadership members](#), [Minority leadership members](#) and [House Finance committee co-chairs and ranking member](#), to ask for swift passage of SB 310.

Senator Sherrod Brown to join this week's 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, June 4th at 3:30 p.m.** U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown will join this week's call to discuss and answer questions regarding the ongoing federal response to COVID-19.

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

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security Weekly Update 6.1.2020](#)

[FEMA Daily Briefing Points 6.1.2020](#)

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes](#)

[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. If you want to help Ohio's response to this pandemic, you can contact the state at 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, or Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.