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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: JUNE 23, 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](#)
5. [CAB: COVID-19 and Collective Bargaining Issues](#)
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Gov. DeWine's Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio has now had 46,127 COVID-19 cases. There have been 2,735 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

Gov. DeWine announced two public awareness campaigns aimed at spreading awareness of COVID-19 prevention measures and the impact they have on the well-being of Ohioans and our state's economy.

The first campaign is called "I Believe" and focuses on real Ohioans and the prevention measures they take to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The two Ohioans featured are health care professionals Dr. Kevin Sharrett, a physician, farmer, and Greene County Coroner, and Shareece Mashiska, a hospital nurse manager in Youngstown. These 15-second ads, provided by the Ohio Department of Health, will air for three weeks on broadcast, cable, and social media across the state:

- I Believe – Face Masks (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_D9enYXkew)
- I Believe – Social Distancing (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTYox4misXs>)



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The second campaign called “Up to All of Us” features Dr. Laura Espy-Bell, an OhioHealth Emergency Medicine Physician, and Gary Calliccoat, a restaurant owner and operator. They discuss the importance of Ohioans taking proper preventative precautions, like maintaining social distance and washing hands, in order to get Ohioans back to work, and our economy working again. The ad will air for three weeks on broadcast and cable television:

Up to All of Us (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFv4e7D7AzQ>)

Additionally, the administration is encouraging Ohioans to get tested for COVID-19. Gov. DeWine announced several pop-up testing sites this week. Anyone can get a no-cost test at these locations. To see more testing locations, click on the image below.

Date	Location	Address	Hours
JUNE 23 - 24	Columbus - Ohio Department of Taxation	4485 Northland Ridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43229	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
JUNE 23 - 25	Cincinnati - CityLink Center	800 Bank Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
JUNE 24	Portsmouth - Compass Community Health Center	1634 11th Street Portsmouth, Ohio 45662	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
JUNE 24	Xenia - Greene County Health Center	360 Wilson Dr. Xenia, Ohio 45385	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
JUNE 24	Morgan County - Muskingum Valley Health Centers	859 N. Main Street, Malta, Ohio 43758	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
JUNE 25	Dayton - Samaritan Health Center	921 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45417	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
JUNE 25	Lancaster - South Elementary School	220 E. Walnut, Lancaster, Ohio 43130	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
JUNE 25 - 26	Columbus - Ohio Department of Public Safety	1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A video of the governor’s June 23rd press conference can be found [here](#). The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 2 p.m. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Message from OBM regarding Payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) processed payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund on Friday, shortly after Governor DeWine signed HB 481. County Treasurers should see the funds deposited into accounts on Tuesday, June 23.

Counties should disburse the funding to local governments after receiving an approved resolution or ordinance from the local subdivision as required by HB 481. Eligible local jurisdictions should ensure they have submitted the HB 481 required resolution or ordinance to their County Auditor to enable quick receipt of funds. Local jurisdictions must also submit copies of passed resolutions or ordinances to OBM via e-mail at grants@obm.ohio.gov. Sample resolutions for use to assist with this requirement are posted on the OBM Ohio Grants Partnership website at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>. This link also includes a guidance document to assist with use of funds and the template required by County Auditors to report back

their distribution of funds to OBM. The distribution template can be submitted on the OBM grants portal starting late next week for those with access, or may be e-mailed to grants@obm.ohio.gov. In addition, jurisdictions that have not already done so are asked to register with OBM at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx> to ensure proper future access to the grants portal which will be required for reporting.

Finally, OBM will update guidance as needed on an ongoing basis. We are currently working with the Ohio Auditor of State's office on a new FAQ about establishing a payroll support program for public employees using CFR funding and expect to update the guidance in the coming days.

Thank you and please feel free to reach out to the Grants Partnership at grants@obm.ohio.gov with questions anytime.

Upcoming CCAO & OBM Webinar "Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Assistance Guidance and HB 481" – June 24th

The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) will be hosting a webinar tomorrow, **Wednesday, June 24, 2020 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm** to discuss the Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Assistance program as a result of HB 481. This session will provide an overview of the process as directed in HB 481, discuss the fund's requirements and eligible uses, introduce recipients to the Ohio Grants Partnership and available resources, and provide answers to some frequently asked questions that have been received.

Details and registration for the webinar are available [here](#).

The registration process will generate a confirmation email. All participants will receive an email the day before the webinar with a unique link to the event.

The session will be recorded and available on the Ohio Grants Partnership website (grants.ohio.gov) a few days after the event.

For further information, please contact:

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Federal Legislation Update

Members of the Ohio congressional delegation continue to be supportive of flexible spending of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars. Congressman Warren Davidson recently introduced H.R. 7094, the Flexibility for States and Localities Act, which would amend section 5001(a) from the CARES Act to allow funds remaining from the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used to offset state or local budgetary shortfalls that are directly related to coronavirus. A copy of the legislation can be found [here](#).

Upcoming NACo Webinars – June 24th and June 26th

Maximizing Value on Every Public Dollar During & After COVID-19 – June 24th

Jun. 24, 2020, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

NACo, NACo Financial Services Corporation, and Three + One will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, June 24 at 2:00 PM ET to show counties how to use liquidity analyses and data to maximize the value on current tax

dollars and any CARES Act funding received. New opportunities exist to increase the value on public funds during a time it's needed most, this webinar will highlight ways to look under every stone for taxpayer benefit. For more details and to register, click [here](#).

Local Response to COVID-19: How Counties are Investing CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Dollars – June 26th

Jun. 26, 2020, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

On March 27, Congress passed and the president signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which established a new \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for state, county and municipal governments with populations of over 500,000 people to address necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Now that the U.S. Treasury has distributed CRF payments, eligible counties are now tasked with distributing these funds in the best way possible to support our nation's residents and communities. Join NACo for a webinar to hear from county leaders about their process for developing and implementing their CRF plans to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details and to register, click [here](#).

White House Briefing Call Registration – June 24th

On **Wednesday, June 24, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Senior Administration Officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), U.S Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Education (ED), and U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) for a national COVID-19 briefing call and update. We appreciate your continued partnership and coordination in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response to COVID-19. Below, please find registration information.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, June 24

Time: 1:00 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.

Other Resources

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 6.23.2020](#)

[Current Information Regarding Reopening](#)

[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 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.