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RE: JUNE 4, 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](#)
6. [Reopening Information](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

**Note: Governor DeWine did not hold a press conference today. Ohio has now had 37,282 COVID-19 cases. There have been 2,339 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.**

### **Ohio House approves Senate Bill 310**

The Ohio House took action on Senate Bill 310 this week, passing the bill out of the House by a vote of 87 to 8. On Wednesday, the bill picked up several amendments prior to unanimous passage out of the House Finance Committee. These amendments included, among others, a full capital reappropriations package, changes to transportation improvement districts complying with prevailing wage law, and standards for local governments to follow regarding grants of federal CARES Act funds to local small businesses.

The bill moved on to the House floor for final passage today. Prior to passage, the bill picked up four floor amendments which make the following changes:

- Temporary expanded furlough authority for local governments for exempt employees, providing 480 hours through June 30, 2021 because of COVID.



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- Temporary flexibility for local governments from competitive bidding requirements for purchases made in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- An exemption for subdivisions receiving a direct distribution of CARES Act funds from the local small business grant standards added in House Finance Committee.
- Ability for townships and municipalities to access certain TIF funds to COVID-19 response purposes.

The bill now goes to the Senate for possible concurrence on the House's changes. If you have questions regarding SB 310, please contact Adam Schwiebert ([aschwiebert@ccao.org](mailto:aschwiebert@ccao.org)) or Jon Honeck ([jhoneck@ccao.org](mailto:jhoneck@ccao.org)).

**Register for Tomorrow's CCAO Webinar "Understanding the Federal CARES Act: How Counties can use Coronavirus Relief Fund Payments" – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

CCAO will hold a webinar tomorrow, Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Gov. DeWine announces certain Entertainment Facilities permitted to open June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Gov. DeWine today announced the reopening of certain facilities including certain entertainment facilities with health and safety restrictions. Day camps and residential camps may open at any time. Entertainment venues listed below may open beginning June 10<sup>th</sup> if they are able to follow Retail, Consumer, Service & Entertainment Guidelines and other applicable additional guidance:

- Aquariums
- Art galleries
- Country clubs
- Ice skating rinks
- Indoor family entertainment centers
- Indoor sports facilities
- Laser tag facilities
- Movie theaters (indoor)
- Museums

- Playgrounds (outdoor)
- Public recreation centers
- Roller skating rinks
- Social clubs
- Trampoline parks
- Zoos

Health orders will be available later today [here](#).

Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health asked that we share this message with our members:

Please continue to help us inform communities about the importance of COVID-19 testing. The Ohio Department of Health encourages expanded testing and has established [priorities for testing](#) that include both symptomatic and asymptomatic people in all settings. A map of testing sites, including private companies and community health centers, has been posted [here](#) on the [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) website. Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word about these important services.

### **Lt. Gov. Husted announces three new programs for COVID-19 Small Business Relief**

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 outlined below will be administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. 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](http://Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/BusinessHelp).

The programs are:

1. Ohio PPE Retooling and Reshoring Grant Program
2. Ohio Minority Micro-Enterprise Grant Program
3. Appalachian Region Loan Program

To read more about each program, click [here](#).

### **Auditor of State Faber launches COVID-19 Resources for Local Governments webpage**

The Auditor of State Faber has launched a [new website page](#) dedicated to COVID-19 resources for local governments. The resources on this page are a response to the questions and concerns Auditor Faber has heard from local partners. To visit the webpage, click [here](#).

### **Ohio Initial Jobless Claims for Sunday, May 24, through Saturday, May 30, 2020**

For the week ending May 30, 2020, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 34,575 initial jobless claims to the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last 11 weeks (1,292,413) is more than the combined total of those filed during the last three years. To read more, click [here](#).

### **CCA/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 11<sup>th</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**

[ODJFS COVID-19 FAQ Document 6.3.2020](#)

[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](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).