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**June 9, 2020**

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

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**RE:** JUNE 9, 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](#)

### **Gov. DeWine's Press Conference**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that Ohio has now had 39,162 COVID-19 cases. There have been 2,421 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH.

Gov. DeWine announced that as of last week, the state has distributed over 30 million pieces of PPE. Of these, 27.8 million pieces have been shipped to county EMAs for local distribution.

A video of the governor's June 9<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next press conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

### **Preliminary Non-Auto County Sales Tax Estimates sent to CCAO members today**

Preliminary non-auto sales tax estimates from the Ohio Department of Taxation for April sales was emailed to CCAO members today. Please keep an eye out for this information.



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[www.corsa.org](http://www.corsa.org)



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## **OBM registration for Coronavirus Relief Funding & training opportunity**

The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) is now accepting registrations from counties, cities, villages, and townships for Coronavirus Relief Funding so that funds can be quickly disbursed after SB 310 is enacted. The registration portal can be found at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>. Note that each jurisdiction will need a DUNS number to complete the registration. Directions for obtaining a DUNS number along with how to register it in the federal SAM is located at <https://grants.ohio.gov/helpfulresources.aspx#helpful-resources-DUNS-SAM-registration>.

While the CRF disbursements for cities, villages, and townships will flow from the state through county auditors, OBM considers each local government to be a subrecipient of the state and will structure reporting and monitoring that way; therefore, we need to collect this contact information and have attempted to create a process that is streamlined and easy to use.

In addition, OBM has developed a 42-minute training to provide an overview of grants management for those who are new to managing federal grant funds or for those who would like a refresher. That training can be found at <https://grants.ohio.gov/helpfulresources.aspx#helpful-resources-citizen-grant-training>. If you would like to maintain a record of your training, you can register through the Ohio Learn system; if you do not need to maintain a record, you can view the training online through YouTube by clicking the direct link.

Additionally, OBM has posted the sample resolutions under the Attachments section of the [SB 310 funding opportunity](#). Completed resolutions should be sent to [grants@obm.ohio.gov](mailto:grants@obm.ohio.gov).

Please contact the Ohio Grants Partnership team at OBM at [grants@obm.ohio.gov](mailto:grants@obm.ohio.gov) with questions.

## **OBM Releases Preliminary May 2020 Revenue Data**

Yesterday, the Office of Budget and Management released preliminary May 2020 revenue data. Total General Revenue Fund tax receipts finished the month \$271.3 million (-13.0%) below estimate. Total fiscal-year-to-date tax receipts through May are below estimate by \$1.05 billion (-4.9%) and are \$877.7 million (-4.1%) below total tax receipts through the same period last fiscal year. To read more, click [here](#).

## **AOS Recognizes Need for Credit Card Purchasing Flexibility**

The Auditor of State has recently recognized that given the extenuating circumstances around health and safety measures necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, counties may amend their credit card policies to allow for related purposes.

While current ORC Sec 301.27 limits the allowable purchases that county agencies may make with credit cards, the Auditor of State's office has advised counties that boards of county commissioners may pass a resolution to allow for certain purchases on the credit card during the state of emergency for COVID-19. The policy should have clearly defined starting and ending dates. Counties are encouraged to involve the prosecutor in addressing the issue from a legal and policy perspective for the County as a whole. The Auditor of State could then audit against this resolution to make sure purchases were made with proper authority. Counties are encouraged to ensure the necessary documentation is kept for any such purchases.

We appreciate this flexibility in the short-term and look forward to longer-term conversations with stakeholders to identify ways to modernize county purchasing.

For more information or for sample resolutions, please contact Jon Honeck at [jhoney@ccao.org](mailto:jhoneck@ccao.org).

## **County Talk: Leadership in the community**

County commissioners, executives, and council members continue to lead their communities through these challenging times. CCAO would like to continue highlighting this leadership. Today we're sharing three new videos for the community from the Fairfield County Commissioners:

[Commissioner Jeff Fix](#)

[Commissioner Dave Levacy](#)

[Commissioner Steve Davis](#)

## **Register for Wednesday's White House Briefing Call**

On **Wednesday, June 10, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join **Vice President Mike Pence** and the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for a COVID-19 national briefing call. We will be joined by **Secretary Ben Carson** (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development), **Ambassador Deborah Birx** (White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator), and Senior Administration Officials from the **Department of Education** and **Department of Labor** to continue the dialogue on the important partnership in COVID-19 response and recovery. Registration instructions are below.

### **Briefing Call Registration**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 10

**Time:** 1:00 PM Eastern Time

**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.
- Note that multiple people cannot dial-in using the same registration information. This will cause you to be kicked-off the call.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** Ohio Office of Budget and Management Director Kimberly Murnieks will join the call to discuss state revenues and other updates. 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 Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 6.8.2020](#)

[White House Local Government Call Notes 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).