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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: JULY 16, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [CAB: Employees Returning to Work FAQs](#)
3. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law 7.15.2020](#)
4. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 6.30.2020](#)
5. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 6.24.2020](#)
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Gov. DeWine's Press Conference: eight counties move to Red Level 3

During his press conference today, Gov. DeWine announced that eight counties are newly Red Level 3 this week under the [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#): Allen, Athens, Delaware, Licking, Lucas, Richland, Scioto, Union. Trumbull County has moved from Red Level 3 to Orange Level 2. Athens County has a "star" meaning it is on "the watch list" for becoming Purple Level 4. Hamilton, Butler, Cuyahoga counties are no longer on "the watch list."

The newly Red Level 3 counties will be under a mandatory face covering order effective tomorrow, Friday, July 17th at 6 p.m. At that time, approximately 60 percent of the Ohio population will be living under a mandatory face covering order. Order text can be found [here](#).

This week's full Public Health Advisory System Map is below. County profiles explaining which indicators are flagged for Red Level 3 counties are available [here](#).



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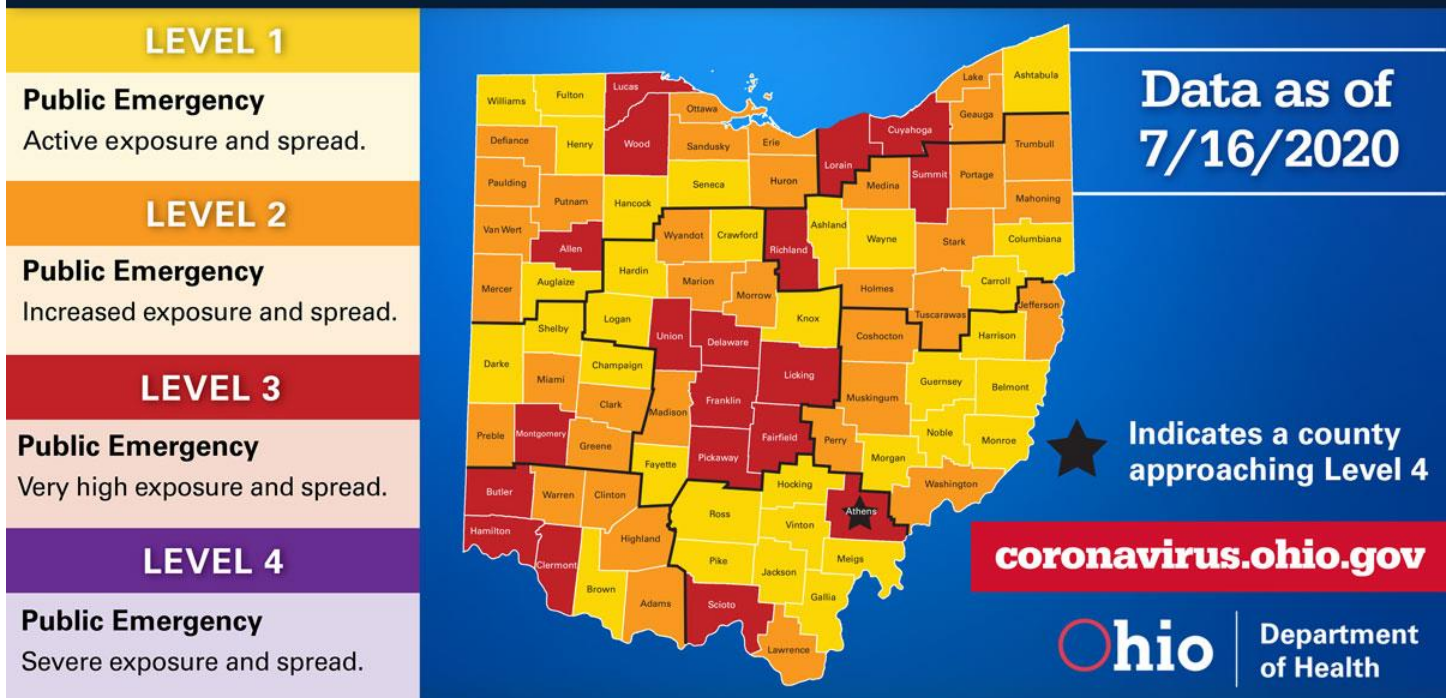


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Ohio Public Health Advisory System



Gov. DeWine invited Dr. Andrew Thomas, Chief Clinical Officer, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to [explain](#) the indicators as well as what each level signals to the public.

There was an increase of 1,290 in total COVID-19 cases statewide yesterday. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Lt. Gov. Husted made a couple of announcements related to PPE in Ohio. He announced \$20 million in grant funding through the Ohio Development Services Agency to help Ohio manufacturers produce PPE. Additionally, JobsOhio and its regional partners will distribute PPE toolkits for a total of 1.5 million 3-ply masks, 150,000 KN95 masks, and 15,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to small businesses. To date, more than 50 million pieces of this PPE have been distributed across the state.

A video of the governor's July 16th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21st at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Additionally, Gov. DeWine addressed the state last night. A written copy of his remarks can be found [here](#) and a video of the address can be found [here](#).

Auditor Faber July 2020 County Revenue Advisory Memo

Auditor of State Keith Faber sent a memorandum to county officials regarding "July 2020: County Revenue Advisory." To read the memo, click [here](#).

OBM releases June 2020 Monthly Financial Report

Late last week, the Ohio Office of Budget and Management released its monthly financial report for June 2020. This report was the final monthly report for state fiscal year 2020.

Overall, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt across many sectors of the Ohio economy and is apparent across multiple revenue streams. FY 2020 revenues ended the year 4.6 percent below estimates, or approximately \$1.1 billion. For the month of June, sales tax performance improved compared to previous months. Non-auto sales tax came in 4.2 percent under estimate while auto sales tax exceeded estimates by 24.1 percent. The strength of revenue streams going forward remains very uncertain, however. Several sources of fiscal stimulus are scheduled to soon end and changes in consumer activity could lead to significant fiscal headwinds going forward in FY 2021.

The full monthly report can be accessed [here](#).

Updated County Advisory Bulletin: Layoffs and Furloughs under Civil Service Law

Following the recent enactment of HB 481, CCAO has worked with Marc Fishel to provide an update to County Advisory Bulletin 2020-12: Layoff and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law. The update reflects the additional furlough capability counties and other local governments received under HB 481 as well as additional information on the interplay between furloughs, modified work weeks and FFCRA leave.

The updated advisory bulletin can be found [here](#).

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, July 5, through Saturday, July 11, 2020

Ohioans filed 35,422 initial jobless claims last week, according to Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) statistics reported to the U.S. Dept. of Labor today. This is 238,793 fewer than the peak earlier this year. Ohioans filed 429,638 continued jobless claims last week, which were 346,664 fewer than the peak earlier this year. The total number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last 17 weeks (1,499,712) is more than the combined total of those filed during the last three years. To read more, click [here](#).

CORRECT LINK: Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging COVID-19 Response: Opportunities to Support with CARES Act Funding

The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging released a white paper regarding opportunities to support Area Agencies on Agency (AAAs) with CARES Act Funding. The document includes a list of COVID-19 expenses incurred by AAAs, as well as contact information for each AAA and a map. To view the white paper, click [here](#). *Note: In the Tuesday 7/14 memo, the link to this white paper was incorrect.*

Request for counties to share CARES Act spending plans with CCAO policy team

With CARES Act funds being distributed to local governments across the state, counties have a number of options for how they may utilize their funds. As your county decides how to spend its CARES Act funds, please share your ideas with the CCAO policy team. Your ideas can serve as valuable examples to other counties considering different funding options. Please send any resolutions or spending plans to Jon Honeck at jhoneck@ccao.org.

No CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO briefing calls until further notice

CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO will **not** hold a weekly briefing call until further notice. We are working to provide other educational opportunities for our members and will update you as they are scheduled.

Other Resources

[Updated ODJFS FAQ Document 7.15.2020](#)

[Public Health Advisory System Map and Resources](#)

[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.