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RE: JULY 23, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [OBM CARES Act Funds Guidance 7.16.2020](#)
3. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
4. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 6.30.2020](#)
5. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 7.8.2020](#)
6. [CAB: Employees Returning to Work FAQs](#)
7. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law 7.15.2020](#)

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Gov. DeWine's Press Conference

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](#): Clark, Defiance, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Lawrence, Marion and Medina. In total, 23 counties are Red Level 3 in Ohio.

Butler, Lorain, Summit and Wood counties have moved from Red Level 3 to Orange Level 2. Allen County has a "star" meaning it is on "the watch list" for becoming Purple Level 4. Athens County is no longer on "the watch list."

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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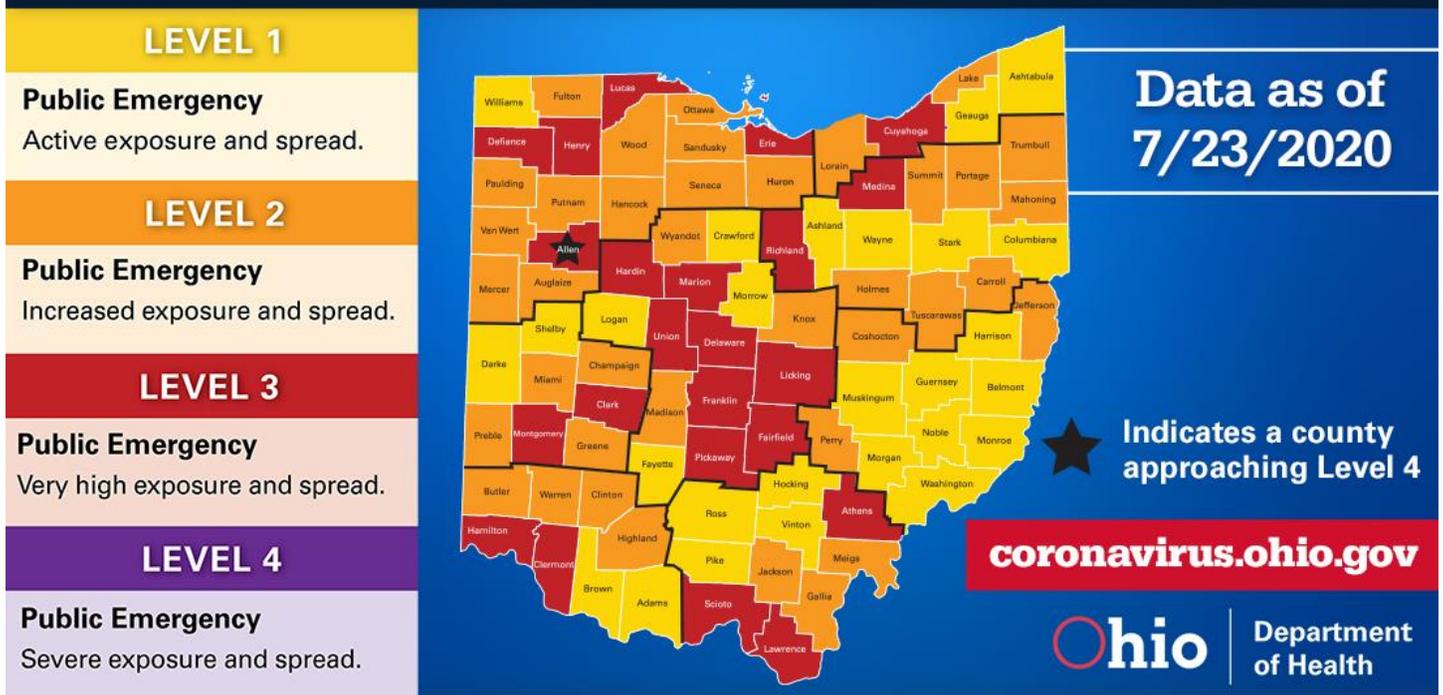


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Ohio Public Health Advisory System



As a reminder, as of 6 p.m. this evening, all counties in Ohio are under a mandatory mask order regardless of their Public Health Advisory Level. Order text will soon be available [here](#).

Lt. Gov. Husted provided an update on COVID-19 antibody testing in Ohio. The Red Cross reported that, between June 15th and July 18th, 33,538 Ohioans donated blood, plasma or platelets and those donations were tested for antibodies. Of those, 436 donors or 1.3 percent tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies. During the same time period, hospitals and private labs performed 37,803 antibody tests and 1,624 were positive, which is a 3.4 percent positivity rate. Lt. Gov. Husted noted that these individuals sought out antibody testing and thus may have thought they previously had COVID-19.

Lt. Gov. Husted also made a couple of announcements related to broadband. InnovateOhio and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) have launched an E-Permitting System for right-of-way access that is more convenient for permit requesters and will save them time. Additionally, the administration is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) for pricing from internet providers for everything from hotspots to laptops to tablets for Ohio schools. \$50 million in CARES Act funds, pending Controlling Board approval, will be used for matching grants for providing hotspots and internet-enabled devices to students.

Information regarding the current COVID-19 travel advisory announced yesterday can be found [here](#).

There was an increase of 1,444 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](#).

A video of the governor's July 23rd press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](#).

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, July 12, through Saturday, July 18, 2020

Ohioans filed 30,138 initial jobless claims last week, according to statistics the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported to the U.S. Dept. of Labor today. This was 244,077 fewer than the peak earlier this year. Ohioans filed 423,672 continued jobless claims last week, which were 352,630 fewer than the peak earlier this year. To read more, click [here](#).

EPA Provides Consumers Additional Options for COVID-19 Disinfectants

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added 32 new surface disinfectants to [List N](#), the agency's list of products expected to kill SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. To read more, click [here](#).

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.

Other Resources

[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 Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.