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

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**RE:** JULY 28, 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](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

### **Gov. DeWine's Press Conference: Fairs limited to junior fairs beginning July 31<sup>st</sup>**

During his press conference today, Gov. DeWine announced that county and independent fairs will be limited to junior fairs only beginning July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Ohio Department of Health will issue an order to this effect. Rides, games, and grandstand events will be prohibited. The order will be available [here](#).

Additionally, the governor announced that, effective August 9<sup>th</sup>, child care providers in Ohio will be permitted to return to their statutory ratios and class sizes. However, child care providers that maintain reduced ratios will receive subsidies from the state. Child care providers will still have to comply with [health and safety guidelines](#).

There was an increase of 1,320 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

A video of the governor's July 28<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).



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## **US Senate Majority Caucus Releases Proposal for Coronavirus Relief Legislation**

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell held a press conference yesterday afternoon to announce the introduction of a proposed coronavirus relief package called the HEALS Act (Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools). The proposal was introduced as a series of bills that will serve as starting points for negotiations with the House. Section 401 of [Senate Bill 4318](#) makes changes to the Coronavirus Relief Fund in the CARES Act by adding a revenue shortfall provision and extending the date for eligible expenditures until March 30, 2022, for local governments that have a fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. States and local governments that received a direct allocation from Treasury would be required to share at least 25 percent of their allocation with local governments.

The bill defines a revenue shortfall through a comparison of total governmental revenue in FY 2020 and FY 2019, excluding federal sources. The amount of funds used for revenue replacement cannot exceed the lesser of: (a) 25 percent of the funds distributed to the state or local government or (b) the sum of the revenue shortfall amounts determined for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

The bill also prohibits the use of funds for pension benefit payments for current or former employees, or to augment a government's rainy day fund.

Other major components of the HEALS Act are:

- A new federal unemployment benefit that supplements state benefits up to 70 percent of the recipient's average weekly wage starting in October; this replaces the expiring \$600 per month increase in federal unemployment benefits.
- A new round of stimulus payments of \$1,200 per individual.
- A liability shield for businesses, government, and hospitals to protect against coronavirus lawsuits.
- New funding for education, focused on helping schools to reopen.
- Additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program.
- Additional funding for COVID-19 testing and other public health needs.

It is unclear whether the various pieces of legislation that make up the proposal will be brought to a floor vote in the Senate or whether the proposal is intended only as a starting point for negotiations. The Senate is set to adjourn on August 7, so Congress only has a tight window in which to act. CCAO will continue to work with NACo to create greater flexibility in the use of CARES Act funds and secure more revenue for counties.

Members with questions should contact Jon Honeck, [jhoneck@ccao.org](mailto:jhoneck@ccao.org), 614-600-8900.

## **Recording and Slides from OBM July 22<sup>nd</sup> CARES Act Funds Webinar**

The recording and slides from the OBM CARES Act Funds webinar held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> are now available. The recording is available [here](#) and the slides are available [here](#). Questions can be directed to the Ohio Grants Partnership at [grants@obm.ohio.gov](mailto:grants@obm.ohio.gov).

## **Ohio Awards Second Round of Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding**

Last week, Gov. DeWine announced that 114 local law enforcement agencies, courts and service providers have been awarded nearly \$6 million to support the fight against COVID-19 during the second round of Ohio's Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant program. 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](mailto: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](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 Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at [rmassoud@ccao.org](mailto:rmassoud@ccao.org).