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**July 30, 2020**

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

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**RE:** JULY 30, 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: new Public Health Advisory System map; liquor sales rules; new order on gatherings**

During his press conference today, Gov. DeWine released the new [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. This week, 13 counties are Red Level 3: Allen, Cuyahoga, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Henry, Lawrence, Licking, Lucas, Marion, Medina and Montgomery.

Nine counties moved from Red Level 3 to Orange Level 2 and one county moved from Red Level 3 to Yellow Level 1. The governor noted that only 23 of Ohio's 88 counties are Yellow Level 1 this week. 12 percent of Ohioans live in a Yellow Level 1 County, while 44 percent live in a Red Level 3 County and 44 percent live in an Orange Level 2 county.

This week's full Public Health Advisory System Map is below. The state's Public Health Advisory System website now includes data by county for each indicator, which you can find [here](#). The Ohio Department of Health is now using "cases per 100,000 residents" as another indicator of a county's level. Additionally, a county by county list of indicators for the week can be found [here](#).



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# Ohio Public Health Advisory System

## LEVEL 1

**Public Emergency**  
Active exposure and spread.

## LEVEL 2

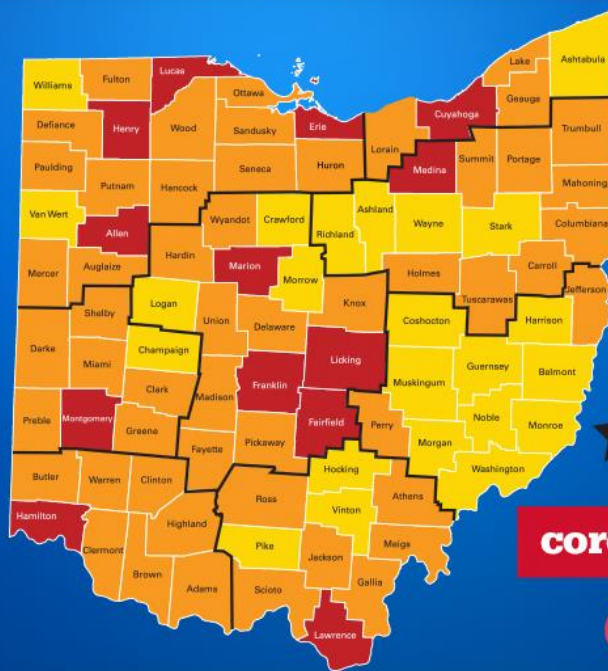
**Public Emergency**  
Increased exposure and spread.

## LEVEL 3

**Public Emergency**  
Very high exposure and spread.

## LEVEL 4

**Public Emergency**  
Severe exposure and spread.



Data as of  
7/30/2020

Indicates a county  
approaching Level 4

[coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

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Gov. DeWine announced that the Ohio Liquor Control Commission will meet tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to consider emergency rules that the governor requested related to liquor sales. The rule would prevent the sale of alcohol at all liquor-permitted establishments beginning at 10 p.m. each night. Consumption of alcohol must end by 11:00 p.m. These establishments would be permitted to stay open and continue serving food after 10 p.m. The governor is also requesting that the Commission raise the number of liquor and mixed drinks that can be purchased with a meal to-go from two to three. If the emergency statewide administrative rule is approved, Gov. DeWine plans to sign an Executive Order to make the rule effective on Friday evening. Executive Orders related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

The governor also announced that the Ohio Department of Health will issue a separate order for the 10-person gathering limit and guidance. Currently, the information regarding gatherings is part of the larger business sector and social distancing order. ODH is issuing the new order to make the information more accessible for Ohioans. Once released, the order will be available [here](#).

During the press conference, Gov. DeWine also addressed the Ohio Pharmacy Board reversing its decision on hydroxychloroquine for treating COVID-19 patients. The governor believes the board should have a hearing on the matter.

There was an increase of 1,733 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

A video of the governor's July 30<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](https://www.ohiochannel.org).

### **Upcoming CCAO Membership Call with Senator Sherrod Brown – August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

CCAO invites you to join a conference call with Senator Sherrod Brown on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 1:30 pm. Senator Brown will provide a brief update on efforts to negotiate the next federal legislative package to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. He would like to hear your thoughts regarding what should be prioritized in the legislation, and welcomes your questions and feedback as county leaders.

**Dial in information is:**

**Conference Line: 877-273-4202**

**PIN: 889-229-624#**

As a reminder, participants on the call will be muted. Participants may text their questions to CCAO Policy Analyst Rachel Massoud, 513-543-3723.

### **County Advisory Bulletin: The Impact of the Ohio Department of Health Travel Advisory on Counties**

CCAO is pleased to share its latest [County Advisory Bulletin on The Impact of the Ohio Department of Health Travel Advisory on Counties](#). Authored by Marc Fishel of Fishel, Downey, Albrecht & Riephenhoff, Marc discusses the various rights and duties, including legal and practical issues, for county appointing authorities responding to vacation leave requests under the travel advisory. If you have any additional questions regarding returning employees to work, please feel free to contact the CCAO policy team. To read this bulletin, click [here](#).

### **Upcoming CCAO Webinar “The Impact of the Ohio Department of Health Travel Advisory on Counties” – August 5<sup>th</sup>**

CCAO will host a webinar on **Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** titled “The Impact of the Ohio Department of Health Travel Advisory on Counties.” On July 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued a COVID-19 travel advisory to protect against the spread of COVID-19. This travel advisory has created questions for counties concerning employees are seeking to use vacation for out of state travel to one of the states on the advisory list. This webinar will discuss the various rights and duties, including legal and practical issues, for county appointing authorities responding to vacation leave requests under the travel advisory.

Presenter: Marc A. Fishel, Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP

Click [here](#) to register for this timely educational opportunity. If you are unable to register using the link, please email Nedra Benson, [nbenson@ccao.org](mailto:nbenson@ccao.org), CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

### **U.S. Treasury report shows CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund spending through June 23**

States and local governments that received a direct allocation of CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund payments from the U.S. Treasury filed an interim spending report with data through June 23. The Treasury [report](#) indicates that in Ohio, the state and local governments combined to spend \$547.5 million, or 12.1 percent, of the \$4.5 billion total allocation. It should be kept in mind that the report does not reflect funds that have been obligated or budgeted but not yet spent.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is concerned that the pace of spending may be used to push back against proposals for new funding in the latest federal coronavirus legislation. However, a member survey by the [National Association of State Budget Officers](#) (NASBO) indicates that nationally, states and territories have **allocated** nearly 75 percent of the funds and spent 25 percent. States and local governments are moving quickly given the uncertainty of the rules and oversight requirements.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) also issued a [statement](#) indicating its concern that the report conveys an incomplete picture of CRF activity because it does not reflect allocations or pending transfers of resources to local governments. (In Ohio, \$850 million earmarked for local governments remain in the state treasury.) NCSL is calling on Congress and the Administration to work together to “assist hard-hit states in their return to fiscal health by passing a stimulus package that includes flexible funding for states to weather the economic recession. The economic impact of the coronavirus recession varies by state; however, every state is coping with revenue shortfalls.”

CCAO reminds members to continue to contact members of Congress to request greater flexibility in the use of CARES Act funds and additional aid for states and local governments.

Guidance on the use of CARES Act funds is available on the [CCAO website](#). Members with questions should contact Jon Honeck, [jhoneck@ccao.org](mailto:jhoneck@ccao.org), 614-600-8900.

### **IRS Guidance on Small Business Grants using CARES Act Funding**

Many counties and local governments are using resources from their CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds to provide grants to small businesses affected by COVID business interruptions. Congress did not specifically exempt these funds from being included in the taxable gross income of the business. The IRS is reminding recipients that the general rule is that grants and the forgivable portion of loans are considered taxable income for federal income tax purposes. IRS guidance may be accessed at this [link](#).

### **Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, July 19, through Saturday, July 25, 2020**

Ohioans filed 27,937 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 246,278 fewer than the peak earlier this year. Ohioans filed 423,452 continued jobless claims last week, which were 352,850 fewer than the peak earlier this year. 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**

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 7.29.2020](#)

[ODJFS Updated FAQ Document 7.29.2020](#)

[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](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).