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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: JULY 7, 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](#)
4. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 4.22.2020](#)
5. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 6.30.2020](#)
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Gov. DeWine announces ODH order requiring face coverings in Red Level 3 counties

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will issue an order mandating wearing of face coverings in public in all counties that are designated Red Level 3 Public Health Emergency Alert. The order will be effective at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8th and will stay in effect as long as these counties are in a Red Level 3 or if they increase to the Purple Level 4. If the counties drop to an Orange Level 2, the requirement will drop off. Currently, this order will apply to seven counties: Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Huron, Montgomery and Trumbull. The order applies to individuals in public places, primarily indoors. The order does not apply to children under age 10 or people who cannot safely wear a face covering. The full order text will be available [here](#).

Additionally, Lt. Gov. Husted announced that ODH issued an order on Friday regarding contact sport competitions. The order will be in place through July 15th. To read the order, click [here](#).

Today's COVID-19 numbers are as follows: Ohio has now had 58,904 COVID-19 cases. There have been 2,970 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH. Hospitalizations reached 8,383, while intensive care unit admissions totaled 2,101.



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A video of the governor's July 7th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

OBM Releases Preliminary June Revenue Data

Bringing State Fiscal Year 2020 to a close, the Ohio Office of Budget and Management today released its preliminary revenue data for June 2020, the final month of the state fiscal year. For the completed fiscal year, state revenues ended \$1.1 billion below estimates, or 4.6 percent.

Regarding sales and use tax collections, June showed stronger collections as compared to recent months. For the month, non-auto sales tax missed estimates by 4.2 percent and auto sales tax collections exceeded estimates by 24.1 percent, leading to total sales and use tax collections to perform just 0.1 percent below estimate for the month. Counties should remember that individual county distributions will vary and that counties will not receive the distributions reflecting these sales until later this summer.

OBM Director Kimberly Murnieks noted in the report that "there is much concern that this consumer spending will not continue at these levels once the pent-up demand from April and May subsides, and after the enhanced \$600 per week in additional unemployment benefits ends after July and after the spending effects of the \$1,200 federal stimulus checks to individuals wear off."

The full preliminary report can be found [here](#).

Secretary of State releases Ready for November Directive

As attention turns toward the November Presidential Election, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose yesterday released the Ready for November Directive to direct county boards of elections' preparations for the November General Election. Conducting an election in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic will present unique challenges for election administration. To assist, the federal CARES Act provided funding to states to assist with election administration this fall. Ohio received nearly \$12.9 million in CARES Act funds for this purpose, and the Directive outlines how these funds are to be utilized.

The Directive provides guidance to county boards on the following topics: Recruiting more poll workers, more election infrastructure, acquiring PPE to keep poll workers and voters safe, increasing county board of elections staff, faster fixes for absentee voters, additional ballot printing, paper backups to electronic equipment, relocating polling locations used by vulnerable populations, utilizing schools as polling locations, assisting voters in senior living and health care facilities, and additional assistance for voters physically unable to enter a polling location.

The entire directive can be accessed here: [Directive 2020-11](#).

ODJFS launches COVID-19 Labor Market Information Website

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) launched its new [COVID-19 Labor Market Information website](#) today. This website includes [county employment and unemployment data](#), [jobs posting trends](#) and [individual county analyses](#). If after browsing these reports, you have additional questions or data needs, please complete the [Data Request Form](#) and email to OWDDataRequest@jfs.ohio.gov. The website can be found at ohiolmi.com/Home/COVID-19.

Gov. DeWine signs Executive Order authorizing 100% federal funding for SharedWork Ohio program

Last week, Gov. DeWine signed [Executive Order 2020-26D](#) providing full federal CARES Act funding to both contributory and reimbursing employers participating in the SharedWork Ohio program. To read the full text of

the order, click [here](#). As a result of this order, employers will not be charged for any SharedWork Ohio benefits paid to their employees. In addition, they may receive credits for any SharedWork Ohio bills they previously paid, retroactive to March 29th.

ODJFS announces Additional Weeks of Unemployment Benefits Available in Ohio

Yesterday, ODJFS announced that up to 20 weeks of Extended Benefits (EB) will be available to eligible Ohioans who exhaust both the maximum 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits and 13 weeks of Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). The additional weeks are possible because Ohio's insured unemployment rate exceeded a minimum threshold. The insured unemployment rate is a measure of the number of people receiving unemployment benefits as a percentage of the labor force. 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.

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

[ODJFS Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 7.7.2020](#)

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security Weekly Update 7.6.2020](#)

[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.