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**July 9, 2020**

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

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**RE:** JULY 9, 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](#)
6. [Reopening Information](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

### **Gov. DeWine Press Conference: 12 counties at Red Level 3; face covering order text available; CARES Act funding for K-12 schools and higher education**

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that 12 Ohio counties are now at a Red Level 3 according to the last week of data. These counties are: Butler, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Montgomery, Pickaway, Summit, Trumbull, Wood. Huron County has dropped to an Orange Level 2. Gov. DeWine noted that three counties have a "star" indicating they are approaching a Purple Level 4: Butler, Cuyahoga, Hamilton. These counties have met the indicators for a Purple Level 4 but will not receive that designation until the data indicates so for two weeks. During the [press conference](#), Gov. DeWine detailed the numbers in these counties that led to these levels. Additionally, 18 counties moved from Yellow Level 1 to Orange Level 2.

The new Public Health Advisory System map will be released each Thursday. A copy of the new map is below. To see county profiles of those counties that are Red Level 3, click [here](#).



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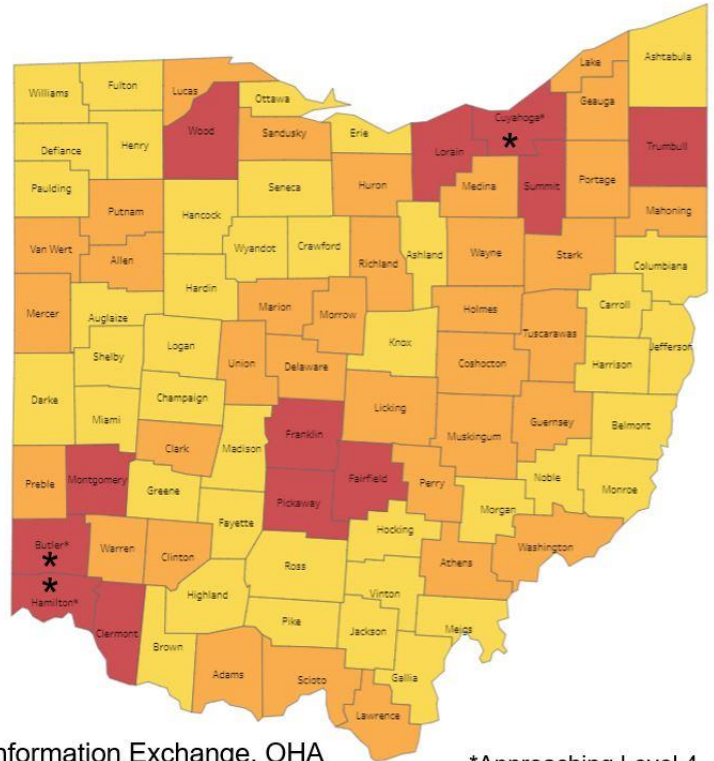
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# County Risk Level Alerts

LEVEL 1
<b>Public Emergency</b> Active exposure and spread.
LEVEL 2
<b>Public Emergency</b> Increased exposure and spread.
LEVEL 3
<b>Public Emergency</b> Very high exposure and spread.
LEVEL 4
<b>Public Emergency</b> Severe exposure and spread.



Sources: ODRS, Health Information Exchange, OHA  
Map updated 07/09/2020

\*Approaching Level 4

The face covering mandate will go into effect for newly Red Level 3 counties tomorrow, Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. ODH will issue an amended order soon. The text of the ODH face coverings order that went into effect last night can be found [here](#). Face coverings specifically are covered on page 5. All ODH COVID-19 related orders can be found [here](#).

The administration released its guidelines for college and university campuses to reopen safely in the fall. The guidance will be available [here](#). Additionally, the administration is requesting that the Controlling Board approve \$200 million in CARES Act funds for higher education and \$100 million in CARES Act funds for K-12 educational institutions.

Today's COVID-19 numbers are as follows: Ohio has now had 61,331 COVID-19 cases. There have been 3,006 COVID-19 related deaths. These numbers include both confirmed and probable cases as reported by ODH. Hospitalizations reached 8,570, while intensive care unit admissions totaled 2,146.

A video of the governor's July 9<sup>th</sup> press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).

## **Preliminary Non-Auto County Sales Tax Estimates sent to CCAO members today**

Preliminary non-auto sales tax estimates from the Ohio Department of Taxation for May sales were emailed to CCAO members today. Please keep an eye out for this information.

## **Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, June 28, through Saturday, July 4, 2020**

In a sign that Ohioans are heading back to work, statistics the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported to the U.S. Dept. of Labor today show that for the 10th straight week, continued applications for unemployment benefits have declined. Those who remain jobless filed 347,587 fewer continued claims last week compared to the peak in April.

In addition, for the week ending July 4, ODJFS reported 33,483 initial jobless claims to the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The total number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last 16 weeks (1,464,290) is more than the combined total of those filed during the last three years. 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).

## **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**

[White House Briefing Call Notes 7.8.2020](#)

[ODJFS Updated FAQ Document 7.8.2020](#)

[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 Adam Schwiebert, policy analyst, at [aschwiebert@ccao.org](mailto:aschwiebert@ccao.org), or Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at [rmassoud@ccao.org](mailto:rmassoud@ccao.org).