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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: AUGUST 20, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

Key Resources

1. [CCAO CARES Act Funds Resources Webpage](#)
2. [OBM Ideas on How to Use Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
3. [OBM CARES Act Funds Guidance 7.16.2020](#)
4. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
5. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 6.30.2020](#)
6. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 8.10.2020](#)
7. [CAB: Employees Returning to Work FAQs](#)
8. [CAB: Layoffs and Furloughs Under Civil Service Law 7.15.2020](#)

[CCAO COVID-19 Resources Page](#)

Gov. DeWine's Press Conference: Adult day centers and senior centers can open September 21; nine Red Level 3 counties this week

During today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that adult day centers and senior centers are permitted to reopen on September 21st. There will be a reduced capacity requirement and guidelines for these facilities to follow. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will issue an order requiring all assisted living facilities to participate in a statewide testing initiative. The orders and guidance for these announcements will soon be available on coronavirus.ohio.gov.

The text of the ODH order that "Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club, and Professional Sports" is now available [here](#). The administration hopes to release an order regarding performing arts (in schools and otherwise) tomorrow.

Gov. DeWine announced that he has asked the Ohio Department of Administrative Services to work with the Ohio Secretary of State to ensure that Ohio's boards of elections have the PPE they need to conduct the election.



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Save the Date: CCAO Membership Call with Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted – September 9 at noon

CCAO will host a membership call with Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted on Wednesday, September 9th at noon. The conference call information is as follows:

Dial: 1-877-273-4202

Room ID: 889-229-624#

Participants will remain muted throughout the duration of the call. We ask that participants pose questions during the call by texting Rachel Massoud at 513-543-3723. Rachel will read the questions to Gov. DeWine and Lt. Gov. Husted and state the name and title of the person who posed the question.

Advocacy Alert: Talking Points for State and Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund Advocacy

Over the past several weeks, CCAO has heard from members who are increasingly concerned about the lack of progress at the state and federal levels on issues related to Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) resources, which were made available from the federal CARES Act. Congress and the White House have failed to reach agreement on ways to make the CARES Act dollars more flexible or to provide additional fiscal relief for states and local governments. At the state level, \$850 million in CRF funds are still remaining to be distributed by the legislature. Under current law, counties and other local governments are facing a year-end deadline to spend these funds.

Talking points for state and federal advocacy on these issues can be found [here](#). **CCAO is asking members to reach out to state legislators and to the Ohio Congressional delegation over the next week.** It is crucial that state and federal leaders continue to hear about county priorities and come back into session to address these issues.

Preliminary Auto County Sales Tax Estimates sent to CCAO members today

Preliminary auto sales tax estimates from the Ohio Department of Taxation for June sales were emailed to CCAO members today. Please check your inboxes for this information.

Upcoming CCAO Webinar: How Counties are Using CARES Act Dollars: Examples from Fairfield and Richland – August 21, 1:00 pm

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on Friday, August 21, at 1:00 pm titled “How Counties Are Using Cares Act Dollars: Examples from Fairfield and Richland.” **This presentation will provide a high-level overview of how counties are utilizing federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) payments made available by Ohio House Bill 481.** Counties have until October 15, 2020, to obligate all of the funds they have received in order to become eligible for the auditor’s October 22 redistribution of any unspent CRF funds within the county. Speakers from two counties will describe how they have established county spending priorities and will provide an overview of programs and services that are being funded with CRF resources. Examples include public safety and public health personnel costs, economic development, social services, and technology and equipment, PPE, and other uses. Speakers will also describe how they are tracking CRF spending and documenting their decision-making for audit purposes.

Speakers: Richland County Commissioners Marilyn John, Darrell Banks, Tony Vero; Carri Brown, Fairfield County Administrator

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

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, August 9, through Saturday, August 15, 2020

Ohioans filed 21,663 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 252,552 fewer than the peak earlier this year. Ohioans filed 359,585 continued jobless claims last week, which was 416,717 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.

Other Resources

[ODJFS Updated FAQs 8.19.2020](#)

[Public Health Advisory System Map and Resources](#)

[Ohio COVID-19 Travel Advisory Information](#)

[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.