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

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RE: AUGUST 4, 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](#)

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Gov. DeWine's Press Conference

During today's press conference, Gov. DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will issue a new order requiring that children grades K-12 wear a mask while at school. The administration is working to distribute two million masks to schools and will use regional education service centers to distribute. The order will soon be available [here](#).

Lt. Gov. Husted clarified that the administration is still working on its plan for high school contact sports for the fall. An ODH order regarding contact sports from July 4th was extended this week. The administration stated that July 4th order is **not** the plan for high school contact sports and should not be viewed as such. The administration continues to work with the Ohio High School Athletic Association on this matter. Additionally, Lt. Gov. Husted noted the administration is working with professional sport organizations in Ohio on plans for their seasons.

The governor also announced that Ohio is entering into a multi-state purchasing agreement with Maryland, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan and Virginia to expand the use of rapid point-of-care tests. These tests have a faster turnaround time which will help detect outbreaks sooner. The tests will also help the



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administration expand testing in congregate settings and make testing more accessible for the most high-risk and hard-hit communities. The multi-state purchasing agreement will demonstrate to manufacturers that there is significant demand for these rapid point-of-care tests.

Gov. DeWine announced that Dr. Amy Acton, former ODH Director and current health advisor to the governor, is leaving state service and returning to her work at the Columbus Foundation.

There was an increase of 1,143 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's August 4th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th at 3 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Workforce Updates: TechCred & TopJobs.Ohio.gov

This week, Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted shared updates on the June TechCred awards and August application period, which opened today, and the creation of Ohio's Top Jobs List on TopJobs.Ohio.gov. To learn more, click [here](#).

Upcoming CCAO Webinar "The Impact of the Ohio Department of Health Travel Advisory on Counties" – August 5th

CCAO will host a webinar on **Wednesday, August 5th 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 who 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, CCAO administrative professional, and provide her with your email address.

White House Briefing Call Registration – August 5th

On **Wednesday, August 5, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**, please join the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for a COVID-19 national briefing call. We will be joined by Senior Administration Officials from the White House Coronavirus Task Force, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We appreciate your continued partnership and coordination in this whole-of-government, all-of-America response to COVID-19. Registration information and a list of Administration participants is below.

Briefing Call Registration

Date: Wednesday, August 5

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time (please note start time and time zone)

Call-In Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Note: Call-in lines are limited. RSVP's will be allocated in the order they are received.

Please register only if you are able to join the call.

Administration Participants *subject to change

- Ambassador Deborah Birx, *White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*
- Secretary Alex Azar, *U.S. Department of Health & Human Services*
- Administrator Seema Verma, *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)*
- Rear Admiral John Polowczyk, *FEMA Supply Chain Stabilization Task Force*

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

[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 Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.