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

FROM: CHERYL SUBLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RACHEL MASSOUD, POLICY ANALYST
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RE: SEPTEMBER 1, 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

During today's press conference, Gov. DeWine discussed examples of community spread of COVID-19 ahead of the upcoming Labor Day weekend. The governor also spoke to university students about their experience returning to campus during COVID-19.

Lt. Gov. Husted announced that 951 grant requests were approved through the K-12 BroadbandOhio Connectivity Grant. The grants total \$50 million in CARES Act funding and will provide in-home high-speed internet as well as public wi-fi and mobile wi-fi spaces for students across the state.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) order regarding adult day care services and senior centers is now available [here](#). These facilities are permitted to reopen on September 21 while following the guidelines in the order.

There was an increase of 1,453 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.



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A video of the governor's September 1st press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Treasury Inspector General Releases CARES Act Reporting Guidance

The US Treasury Department – Office of the Inspector General issued new [guidance and FAQs](#) related to reporting and recordkeeping for CARES Act funds. Much of the guidance is aimed at **prime recipients** of these funds (eg, the state and counties receiving a direct Treasury distribution). However, the guidance does discuss the need for careful documentation of public health and public safety payroll reimbursement. See FAQ numbers 69 – 71 starting at page 17 of the document. To read the guidance, click [here](#).

CCAO Membership Call with Gov. DeWine – September 9 at noon

CCAO will host a membership call with Gov. DeWine 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 state the name and title of the person who posed the question.

Upcoming CCAO Webinar: How Counties Are Using CARES Act Dollars: Examples from Henry and Ottawa Counties – September 9 at 9:30 a.m.

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. titled “How Counties Are Using Cares Act Dollars: Examples from Henry and Ottawa.”

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 and the August Controlling Board release. 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.

Henry County Speakers: Commissioner Glenn Miller; EMA Director, Tracy Busch

Ottawa County Speakers: Commissioners Mark Stahl and Don Douglas; County Auditor Jennifer Widmer; County Clerk Rhonda Slauterbeck

[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 Legal Aid requests CARES Act funds to help families facing eviction and loss of unemployment benefits

The Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, the largest funder of civil legal aid in Ohio, is seeking support from counties and other local governments in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to stabilize Ohioans through civil legal services. The Foundation's mission is to improve access to justice and ensure that legal aid societies and other resources, programs, and services address the unmet civil legal needs of low-income and underserved Ohioans. The Foundation's board is composed of appointees from the Ohio Supreme Court, the executive branch and legislative branch leadership, and leaders from bar associations, law schools and community leaders from around the state. For more information about the Foundation and its proposal, please see the attached [flyer](#) or contact:

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White House Briefing Call Registration – September 2

Please find below the invitation for tomorrow's State, Local, Tribal COVID-19 National Briefing Call. Though subject to change, we will be joined by Dr. Deborah Birx (White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator), Admiral Brett Giroir (Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services), and Deputy Secretary Stephen Censky (U.S. Department of Agriculture).

Briefing Call Registration

Date: TOMORROW, Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern (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. You must register to join the call.

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 Director Hall Weekly Call Notes 8.31.2020](#)

[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.