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

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RE: SEPTEMBER 17, 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 8.28.2020](#)
4. [CCAO Guidance on Using CARES Act Funds](#)
5. [Treasury Guidance CARES Act Funds 9.2.2020](#)
6. [Treasury CARES Act Funds FAQs 9.2.2020](#)
7. [CAB: Employees Returning to Work FAQs](#)
8. [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 Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has begun distributing the \$300 per week in Lost Wages Assistance to eligible unemployment insurance recipients. Ohioans who received traditional unemployment benefits, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Trade Readjustment Assistance, SharedWork Ohio or extended benefits for weeks ending August 1st through September 5th are eligible.

The Ohio Department of Health is releasing \$2.6 million in CARES Act dollars to agricultural camp operators to improve the health and safety of their worksites and camps to reduce COVID-19 transmission. The administration is releasing a Rapid Response Guide for Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers to help local health districts develop culturally appropriate plans for COVID-19 outbreaks.

The administration plans to release guidance regarding Halloween celebrations tomorrow.

The governor announced two new dashboards on coronavirus.ohio.gov. The Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#) and the Children's COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#). These dashboards show data on cases in schools and children across the state.



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The administration released this week's [Public Health Advisory System](#) map. There are five Red Level 3 counties (newly Red in bold): Butler, Mercer, Montgomery, **Portage** and Putnam. Preble County moved from Red Level 3 to Orange Level 2. Summit County moved from Red Level 3 to Yellow Level 1.

The state's Public Health Advisory System website now includes an interactive map detailing indicators in each county, which you can find [here](#). A county by county list of indicators for the week can be found [here](#). A chart of case rates by county can be found [here](#).

There was an increase of 1,067 total COVID-19 cases statewide from yesterday's data. For more COVID-19 numbers, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's September 17th press conference can be found [here](#). **The next COVID-19 press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd at 2 p.m.** Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Upcoming Webinar: Subgranting of CARES Act Funding – September 25th at 1:00 p.m.

The Ohio Township Association, Ohio Municipal League, Ohio Mayors Alliance, and County Commissioners Association of Ohio invite you to join the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to discuss the processes and procedures of subgranting CARES Act funds to other entities. **The webinar will take place on Friday, September 25th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** OBM Director Kim Murnieks and Stacie Massey will cover requirements under the CARES Act, how to establish a subgrant, innovative uses of CARES Act funds with other entities, and best practices for local governments looking to share resources or partner with other entities to deliver programs with CARES Act dollars. [Click here](#) to register for this webinar. If you are unable to register using the link, please contact Michael Zaky at zaky@ohiotownships.org.

Ohio Jobless Claims for Sunday, September 6, through Saturday, September 12, 2020

Ohioans filed 16,294 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 257,921 fewer than – or less than 6% of – the peak earlier this year. Ohioans filed 320,532 continued jobless claims last week, which was 455,770 fewer than – or less than half (about 41%) of – 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

[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.