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TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVES, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
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RE: APRIL 1, 2020 COVID-19 UPDATES

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Gov. DeWine's COVID-19 Press Conference

In today's press conference, Gov. DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton announced that Ohio now has 2,547 confirmed cases. There have been 65 COVID-19 related deaths.

Gov. DeWine signed an executive order to help small businesses. The order requests that landlords suspend rent payments for small businesses facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Landlords are requested to also implement a moratorium of evictions of small business, commercial tenants for no less than 90 days. Lenders to commercial real estate borrowers with a commercial mortgage loan are asked to provide an opportunity for forbearance for at least 90 days.

The administration is asking for help from the manufacturing community. They encourage manufacturers to visit <https://repurposingproject.com/> to see what the state needs help providing and for more information.

If you want to help Ohio's response to this pandemic, you can contact the state at together@governor.ohio.gov.

A video of the governor's April 1st press conference can be found [here](#). The administration plans to continue daily press briefings at 2 pm. Press conferences can be viewed on www.ohiochannel.org.

Emergency Declarations FAQ



Fax: 614-220-0209
www.corsa.org



Fax: 614-229-4588
www.cebco.org



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Several counties have contacted CCAO asking whether there is a need for the county to declare a state of emergency during COVID-19. Senior Policy Analyst Jon Honeck and Legislative Counsel John Leutz put together a document answering this question. You can find this information [here](#).

OSU Extension Assistance on Virtual Meetings

As counties recently gained the temporary ability to conduct virtual public meetings, OSU Extension is making available to counties its access and technological expertise of the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Members can expect to hear more information shortly about this technology and how Extension can serve as a resource in this area.

CORSA Risk Control Service Bulletin Emergency Sick Leave & Temporary FMLA Leave Request Form

CORSA released a Risk Control Service Bulletin today including a sample emergency sick leave and temporary FMLA leave request form. You can read this important bulletin [here](#).

CARES Act Impact on 457(b) Retirement Plans

The Federal CARES Act includes three provisions that apply to the 457(b) retirement plans. Empower distributed a summary of these provisions that you can find [here](#).

OPERS Information

OPERS provided information regarding OPERS retirees who return to public employment and the impact on the health care coverage available to them. Read this information [here](#).

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

The U.S. Department of Treasury has released new information on the Paycheck Protection Program SBA loan program created by CARES Act. Businesses and non-profits interested in the program should review the application as quickly as possible and, if they have not already, contact their current lender to discuss eligibility and process. Banks that are currently SBA-eligible can begin processing these applications on Friday, April 3. They can start processing loan applications for self-employed individuals on Friday, April 10.

More information about the program can be found on [this website](#) in the links below.

[PPP Overview](#)

[PPP Application](#)

[PPP Lender Information Fact Sheet](#)

[PPP Borrower Information Fact Sheet](#)

DIC Assistance to Local Governments

With the COVID-19 pandemic forcing local governments across Ohio to change their way of life, the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance (DIC) wants to reassure its stakeholders it is here to help.

Thanks to Ohio House Bill 166, passed on Oct. 17, 2019, DIC may enter into short- or long-term contractual agreements to provide services to locally certified building and health departments throughout Ohio. These

services can include plan reviews, inspections (both in person and via video), or building official administrative services. In these uncertain times, DIC staff is committed to doing what they can to ease any stress placed on local governments by providing these services in the midst of the Governor's "Stay at Home" order, as requested.

Anyone with questions about the services provided by DIC staff can contact Division Superintendent Geoff Eaton at geaton@com.ohio.gov.

Message from Attorney General Yost about COVID-19 Stimulus Scams

Attorney General Yost released information about COVID-19 Stimulus Scams. To read the information, click [here](#).

Register for Friday's HR Webinar: Update to Employment Implications and Options During the Coronavirus Pandemic

CCAO will hold an HR webinar this Friday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm. As the issues relating to the coronavirus change, there are more employment-related questions. This webinar will provide an update on these issues along with the latest information concerning the application of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Presenter: Jeffrey A. Stankunas, Attorney at Law, Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teetor LLC

[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.

CCAO/CORSA/CEBCO Bi-weekly COVID-19 Briefing Calls

CCAO, CORSA and CEBCO will host a biweekly COVID-19 briefing call for members every Monday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m. The next call will be tomorrow, Thursday, April 2nd. The call-in information is:

Dial 1-877-273-4202
Access code 889-229-624

Our goal with these briefing calls is to provide our members with an informative and positive experience. In order to better achieve this goal and due to the volume of callers, we have decided to change the format. We ask that participants pose questions during the call by **texting** Rachel Massoud (CCAO policy analyst) at **513-543-3723**. Rachel will read the questions to our speaker(s) and state the name and title of the person who posed the question. Participants will remain muted throughout the duration of the call. We hope this format will reduce duplication, keep our calls focused and concise, and provide the best experience possible for our participants.

White House Guidelines on 30 Days to Slow the Spread

The White House released "Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 30 Days to Slow the Spread." The materials can be found [here](#).

Other Resources

[4.1.2020 Updated Ohio Department of Job and Family Services FAQs](#)

[JobsOhio 3.31.2020 Letter to Stakeholders](#)

[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 have questions regarding this memo or best practice suggestions relating to COVID-19, please contact Adam Schwiebert, policy analyst, at aschwiebert@ccao.org, or Rachel Massoud, policy analyst, at rmassoud@ccao.org.