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## COVID-19 Updates & Other Relevant Information for Township Officials

### COVID-19 Updates:

*Additional CARES Act Guidance Issued*

*SB 310 Update*

*New Health Orders Signed*

*New Public Financing Option*

*Sample Policies for Employees Returning to Work*

### ADDITIONAL CARES ACT GUIDANCE ISSUED

#### TREASURY UPDATES FAQ ON USE OF CARES ACT REVENUE

The U.S. Treasury has issued previous guidance for local governments on use of CARES Act dollars (see previous OTA communications). On May 28th, Treasury gave additional guidance on this revenue by updating their Frequently Asked Questions document. You may review the latest guidance [here](#).

### SB 310 UPDATE

The Ohio Senate has passed SB 310, which provides a formula for distribution of federal CARES Act funding to local governments, including townships. We have included information on this bill in past emails. You may review a summary [here](#).

SB 310 is currently still pending in the House Finance Committee and will have its fourth hearing this week. The OTA is working with our local government partners and members of the House and Senate on this legislation.

The OTA encourages you to contact your [state representative](#) and express support for passage of SB 310 before the summer legislative break so that townships may utilize this funding.



### **NEW HEALTH ORDERS SIGNED**

*GOV. DEWINE AND ODH HAVE UPDATED HEALTH ORDERS*

Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have issued updated orders and recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing](#)  
[County Fair Guidance](#)

For you the latest information, visit the Department of Health's [website](#).

### **NEW PUBLIC FINANCING OPTION**

*TREASURER OF STATE INTRODUCES COMMUNITY RESPONSE INITIATIVE*

COVID-19 has brought on no shortage of new challenges for local governments across Ohio, including unexpected revenue shortfalls. Recent deadline extensions for state income tax payments and certain county property tax payments may present temporary cash flow challenges at the local level.

To make access to capital markets both easier and cheaper, the Ohio Treasurer's office has introduced the [COVID-19 Community Response Initiative](#) to sponsor a pooled short-term note issuance for all local governments wishing to participate. Most importantly, the COVID-19 Community Response Initiative may provide local governments with much-needed interest cost savings in comparison to other debt issuance options.

### **SAMPLE POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO WORK**

*DOCUMENTS TO ASSIST IN TOWNSHIP WORKPLACE SAFETY DURING COVID-19*

[Sample COVID-19 Building and Workplace Policy](#)  
[Sample COVID-19 Restart Checklist](#)  
[Township Employees Returning to Work FAQ](#)

For more information on items related to COVID-19, including a recent [Grassroots Newsletter](#) with an article on paying township bills during this time, visit the OTA [website](#).

**\*NOTE FROM THE OTA: Please share this information with your fellow township officials. Thank you!\***

*The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The OTA was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. OTA has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 4,000 associate members.*