DIRECTOR’S ORDER

Re: Director’s Order that Rescinds and Modifies Portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order

I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.13 to “make special orders...for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases” Order the following to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the State of Ohio:

1. The sacrifices and incredible efforts that Ohioans have undertaken, make it possible to begin to lift the mandatory requirements and restrictions that were needed during the initial phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. Section 3 (Stay at home or place of residence) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is rescinded.

3. Section 5 (Prohibited and permitted travel) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is amended to read as follows:

   Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19, are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, or are exhibiting the symptoms identified in the screening guidance available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health, unless they have recovered, shall not enter the State, unless they are doing so under medical orders for the purposes of medical care, are being transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), are driving or being driven directly to a medical provider for purposes of initial care, or are a permanent resident of the State.

4. Section 15 (Travel) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is rescinded.

5. The Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order remains in effect. The purpose of today’s Order is to amend or modify portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order.

6. This Order takes effect immediately.

Amy Acton, MD, MPH
Director of Health

May 20, 2020