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Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, Director

DIRECTOR'S ORDER

Re: Rescinding Director's Order for Performing COVID-19 Testing

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" **RESCIND** my Order issued on April 1, 2020 directing all COVID-19 tests to be analyzed by an Ohio hospital system.

Hospitals and physicians are permitted to access and use commercial laboratories for the analysis of COVID-19 tests to facilitate and maximize the testing of Ohioans. Physicians should monitor the time it takes to get test results and, if the time is unacceptable, healthcare providers should resume sending specimens to an Ohio hospital system laboratory or the Ohio Department of Health Public Health Laboratory for more timely processing.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Amy Acton, MD, MPH
Director

April 20, 2020
Date

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