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Jon Husted, Lt.Governor

Lance D. Himes, Interim Director

ADDENDUM TO DIRECTOR'S ORDER

Re: Addendum to Director's Order for Facial Coverings in Counties in Level 3 Public Health Advisory

I, Lance D. Himes, Interim 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. **Preamble:** As the spread of COVID-19 accelerates in Ohio, the Department of Health supplemented existing statewide Orders with a system of further guidance to protect Ohioans. For the report period ending July 14, 2020 the counties of Allen, Athens, Delaware, Licking, Lucas, Richland, Scioto, and Union have each triggered four or more of the key indicators in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. Each of the counties has a Level 3 advisory. This reveals that each county is experiencing a very high exposure and spread of COVID-19. Immediate action is necessary to mitigate the danger that this presents to the residents of these counties. Therefore, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in these counties, I Order all residents to wear facial coverings in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 7 of the July 8, 2020 Order as if fully rewritten herein and with the below amendments to that Order.
2. **Amendments to Mask Orders:** The following amendments to Section 7 are incorporated into all Mask Orders. The requirement to wear a facial covering does not apply when:
    a. The individual is under ten years of age;
    b. A medical condition including those with respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disability contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering;
    c. The individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
    d. The individual is alone in an enclosed space, such as an office, or in lieu of an enclosed space, the individual is separated by at least six feet in all directions from all other individuals, and in either case the space is not intended for use or access by the public;
    e. The individual is actively engaged in exercise in a gym or indoor facility so long as six or more feet of separation between individuals exists;
    f. The individual is actively participating in athletic practice, scrimmage, or competition that is permitted under a separate Department of Health order;
    g. The individual is actively engaged in a public safety capacity, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters or emergency medical personnel;

h. The individual is seated and actively consuming food or beverage in a restaurant or bar;

i. Facial coverings are prohibited by law or regulation;

j. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;

k. Facial coverings are in violation of a business's documented safety policies;

l. Individual is actively participating in broadcast communications;

m. Individual is an officiant of a religious services; or

n. In an industrial or manufacturing facility, employees are separated by at least six feet in all directions, or by a barrier in a manufacturing line or work area.

3. **Duration:** This Addendum to the July 8, 2020 Order shall be effective at 6:00 p.m. July 17, 2020 and remains in full force and effect until each of the counties listed herein no longer is designated as red or purple pursuant to Section 4 of the July 8, 2020 Order, or the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies the July 8, 2020 Order whichever occurs sooner.

Accordingly, I hereby **ORDER** that the all persons wear facial coverings in Allen, Athens, Delaware, Licking, Lucas, Richland, Scioto, and Union counties except as set forth in the July 8 Order. This Addendum to Director's Order shall remain in full force and effect until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists, or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order. To the extent any public official enforcing this Addendum to the Director's Order has questions regarding the effect of this Addendum to the Director's Order, the Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order.

Lance D. Himes

July 17, 2020

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Interim Director of Health