Ohio | Department of Health

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# DIRECTOR'S ORDER

**Re: Director's Order that Provides Guidance for Baseball, Softball, Batting Cages, Golf Courses, Miniature Golf, Local and Public Pools and Aquatic Centers, Tennis Facilities, Skills Training for All Sports, and General Non-Contact Sports including Bowling Alleys, with Exceptions**

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. **Preamble:** 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. The adjustment of these orders is able to proceed based upon the facts and the science existing at this time in Ohio, however if the situation continues to improve, then more restrictions will be lifted, and if the situation deteriorates additional targeted restrictions will need to be made. While government can set the baseline, it should be understood that these orders set forth the minimum acts that must be taken and if people do more than the minimum to act safely, it will benefit everyone.

2. **Baseball, Softball, Batting Cages, Golf Courses, Miniature Golf, Local and Public Pools and Aquatic Centers, Tennis Facilities, Skills Training for All Sports, and General Non-Contact Sports including Bowling Alleys to reopen**. All baseball, softball, batting cages, golf courses, miniature golf, local and public pools and aquatic centers, tennis facilities, skills training for all sports, and general non-contact sports including bowling alleys are permitted to reopen or remain open within the State so long as all safety standards are met. In addition to the sector guidance in this Order, bowling alleys shall also comply with the restaurant guidance in separate Director of Health orders for its food and beverage services and the retail guidance in separate Director of Health orders for its operations that are in addition to bowling and food and beverage service. These activities, businesses and operations are encouraged to reopen. This Order applies to both public and private activities and facilities. These activities, businesses and operations shall continue to comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order, including by maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the public when possible, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.

3. **Elderly people and those who are vulnerable as a result of illness should take additional precautions.** People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, including elderly people and those who are sick, are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. According to CDC, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include people who are sixty-five years or older and people of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

a. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
b. People who have serious heart conditions;
c. People who are immune compromised;
d. People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher);
e. People with diabetes;
f. People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; and
g. People with liver disease.

4. **Facial Coverings (Masks).** Businesses must allow all customers, patrons, visitors, contractors, vendors and similar individuals to use facial coverings, except for specifically documented legal, life, health or safety considerations and limited documented security considerations. Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:

    a. Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation;
    b. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;
    c. Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons;
    d. Facial coverings are in violation of the business's documented safety policies;
    e. Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area; or
    f. There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

    Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At a minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.

5. **Prior Director of Health Order.** The Amended Director of Health Order signed March 17, 2020, or as it may be subsequently amended, that closed auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, parades, fairs, festivals, indoor trampoline parks, indoor water parks, movie and other theatres (excluding drive-in theatres), and performance theatres, in the State remains in effect, with the exception that baseball and softball, golf courses, local and public pools and aquatic centers, tennis facilities, skills training for all sports, and general non-contact sports are permitted to reopen or remain open as set forth in this Order.

6. **Social Distancing Requirements.** For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

    a. **Required measures.** Businesses and Operations and businesses must take proactive measures to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including where possible:

        i. **Designate six-foot distances.** Designating with signage, tape, or by other means six-foot spacing for employees and customers in line to maintain appropriate distance;

        ii. **Hand sanitizer and sanitizing products.** Having hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers; and

iii. **Online and remote access.** Posting online whether a facility is open and how best to reach the facility and continue services by phone or remotely.

7. **Questions.** The Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order, but does not require local health departments to provide advisory opinions to nongovernmental entities.

8. **General COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Businesses/Employers.** Business and employers are to take the following actions:

   i. Strongly encourage as many employees as possible to work from home by implementing policies in areas such as teleworking and video conferencing, subject to the discretion of the employer;

   ii. Actively encourage sick employees to stay home until they are free of fever (without the use of medication) for at least 72 hours (three full days) AND symptoms have improved for at least 72 hours AND at least seven days have passed since symptoms first began. Do not require a healthcare provider's note to validate the illness or return to work of employees sick with acute respiratory illness; healthcare provider offices and medical facilities may be extremely busy and not able to provide such documentation in a timely way;

   iii. Ensure that your sick leave policies are up to date, flexible, and non-punitive to allow sick employees to stay home to care for themselves, children, or other family members. Consider encouraging employees to do a self-assessment each day to check if they have any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath);

   iv. Separate employees who appear to have acute respiratory illness symptoms from other employees and send them home immediately. Restrict their access to the business until they have recovered;

   v. Reinforce key messages — stay home when sick, use cough and sneeze etiquette, and practice hand hygiene — to all employees, and place posters in areas where they are most likely to be seen. Provide protection supplies such as soap and water, hand sanitizer, tissues, and no-touch disposal receptacles for use by employees;

   vi. Frequently perform enhanced environmental cleaning of commonly touched surfaces, such as workstations, countertops, railings, door handles, and doorknobs. Use the cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas and follow the directions on the label. Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces can be wiped down by employees before each use;

   vii. Be prepared to change business practices if needed to maintain critical operations (e.g., identify alternative suppliers, prioritize customers, or temporarily suspend some of your operations); and

   viii. Comply with all applicable guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health regarding social distancing.

9. **Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Baseball, Softball and Batting Cages.** Activities, leagues, organizations, businesses or employers, whether currently open or reopening, are to take the following actions:

   a. Arrival to Venue

i. All participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility/course.
ii. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.
iii. No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
iv. Compliant game balls must be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.
v. Prior to competitive tournaments, event owners must alert the local health department of the event.
vi. These requirements must be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and employees prior to their arrival at the venue.
vii. It is recommended that, if possible, digital check-in and registration be used for all events.
viii. It is recommended that, if possible, lineups should be entered online or by spoken word and recorded by officials/umpires without exchanging any physical documents with coaches or players.
ix. It is strongly recommended that, if possible, athletes travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.

b. Practice

i. Coaches and players must adhere to physical six-foot distancing except when the ball is in play.
ii. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
iii. No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, coaches wear face coverings at all times.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, athletes wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play.
vi. It is strongly recommended that, if possible, face coverings be worn by any spectators.
vii. It is recommended that, if possible, coaches divide players into groups and establish rotating shifts for each practice session.
viii. It is recommended that, if possible, athletes should bring individual water containers.
ix. It is recommended that, if possible, virtual meetings should be considered.
x. It is strongly recommended that, if possible, athletes are to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household. Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue.
xi. It is recommended that, if possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

c. Athletes

i. Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices off the field of play.
ii. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.
iii. Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.
iv. No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A "tip the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, athletes wear face coverings at all times when not actively participating in the field of play.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, players refrain from spitting, eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.
vii. It is strongly recommended that, if possible, hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, be available for athletes during the games.
viii. It is recommended that, if possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

d. Spectators

i. Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices. This includes in and around bleachers for anyone not in the same family.
ii. Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.
iii. Must not enter player areas (on the field of play or bench areas).
iv. Must keep six-feet or more distance from the backstop.
v. It is strongly recommended that, if possible, wear face coverings at all times.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, wear face coverings, based on activity.
vii. It is recommended that, if possible, hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is available during the games.

e. Coaches

i. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.
ii. Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.

iii. No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A "tip the cap" can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.
iv. Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 -related prevention measures included herein.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, coaches wear face coverings at all times.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, coaches refrain from spitting, eating seeds, gum, or other similar products.
vii. It is recommended that, if possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.

f. Umpires/Officials

i. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
ii. Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.
iii. Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, wear face coverings at all times.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, digital check-in and registration be used for all events.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.

g. Leaving the Venue

i. Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice.
ii. Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.
iii. Individuals should not exchange items.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, team meetings should occur virtually or over the phone rather than in a team huddle.
v. It is strongly recommended that, if possible, athletes are to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible. Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, team meals should only occur in compliance with the guidelines issued for restaurants in the state of Ohio.

ix. Confirmed Case

i. Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
ii. Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
iii. Organizer must maintain a complete list of coaches, players, and employees present at each event to include the date, beginning and ending time of the event, plus name, address, and phone contact to be made available upon request from local health district.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

**10. Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Golf Courses and Miniature Golf.** Activities, leagues, organizations, businesses or employers, whether currently open or reopening, are to take the following actions:

a. Golf Course Operators

i. Post information throughout the golf course property to remind golfers and customers to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These messages should include information about:
   1. Staying home if you are sick or do not feel well.
   2. Using social distancing and maintaining 6-feet or more between individuals in all areas.
   3. Not gathering in groups.
   4. Golfers should not loiter.
   5. Wearing a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to other golfers, practicing good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.

ii. Maintain public restrooms and locker rooms to lower risk of spread of virus.
   1. Disable, or mark every other or every third locker for non-use to enforce six-foot social distancing requirement. Facilities where lockers are assigned to members are not required to disable lockers but must enforce social distancing requirement.
   2. Remove any casual seating other than benches by lockers as necessary.
   3. Clean and disinfect public areas and restrooms every two hours using EPA-registered disinfectants, particularly on high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs and light switches.
   4. If independent showers are available and used, they must be attended and sanitized between each use.
   5. Disable or close-off communal style showers except for rinsing before and after any pool activity.

6. Make sure supplies for handwashing, including soap and materials for drying hands are fully stocked every time the bathroom is cleaned.
7. Disable or close-off steam rooms and saunas.
8. If towels are provided, they are to be stored in covered, sanitized containers that are clearly delineated clean versus soiled. Appropriate temperatures are to be used when washing and drying towels to ensure sanitation (hot water for washing, ensure they are completely dried). Employees handling towels must wear gloves and face covering.
9. Restroom facilities should limit the number of users at any one time based on the facility size current social distancing guidelines. These facilities should be cleaned/sanitized per CDC recommended protocol along with established restroom cleaning schedules.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, post a cleaning schedule at each location.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, install touch-free entry points at restrooms and other facilities.
12. It is recommended that, if possible, install touchless sensors on sinks and hand dryers.

iii. Closures, modifications and limitations
1. In accordance with current orders, close any non-essential areas where people could potentially congregate.
2. Courses must not allow shotgun starts or other methods of play that lead to players completing their rounds at the same or similar times.
3. All food service must be run in accordance with current orders and guidelines for such establishments. All self-service food stations should be closed or only operated by employees in accordance with the guidance outlined in Responsible Restart Ohio for restaurants and bars.
4. Golfers shall be offered flexibility related to cart use, including the option to walk or ride in a cart alone.
5. Remove common touchable surfaces (water coolers, bunker rakes, ball washers, etc.).
6. Modifications should be made so the flagstick does not need to be removed to retrieve the ball. For example, use a foam noodle stopping approximately 1 inch below the green surface. The ball goes into the cup and is lifted using the putter head. The flagstick remains lodged in the cup through the hole in the noodle.
7. It is recommended that, if possible, facilities may determine if masks are required to enter common spaces or may be made available to guests entering common spaces based on the facility.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, increase time between tee times.
9. It is recommended that, if possible, scoring must be recorded digitally, and courses should not use scoreboards to limit congregation among spectators and players.

iv. Follow all appropriate guidance for customer interaction, retail sales and equipment rentals.
1. Alter check-in/pay practices to meet six-foot social distancing guidelines.

2. Install barriers and protective shields where needed to safely distance staff and customers.
3. Post a revised occupancy number in retail or rental areas in accordance with any current order to minimize crowding where necessary.
4. Mark floors inside buildings for six feet standing areas or one-way traffic.
5. Clean and disinfect high-use areas like door handles, keypads, counter tops, etc. after each use or at a minimum of every two hours.
6. Disinfect all rental equipment, including golf carts, after each use, using EPA-registered disinfectants.
7. Arrange any seating areas, tables, chairs, etc. (indoors and out) at safe distances from each other. If safe distances are not achievable, or regular sanitizing of these areas is not possible, barricade or remove seating areas.
8. Review and follow all guidance for retail operations as provided in Responsible Restart Ohio for Retail Services.
9. Alter practices for accommodating leagues and outings to meet social distancing and large gathering guidelines.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, regularly provide customers with up-to-date information about COVID-19 and related business procedures and policies. Communicate the importance of practicing preventive actions.
11. It is recommended that, if possible and where available, use online solutions for reservations, waivers or payment.
12. It is recommended that, if possible, install touch-free entry points to buildings where possible.
13. It is recommended that, if possible, create self-sanitizing stations by making hand sanitizer, soap, and water, or effective disinfectant available to the public at or near the entrance of facilities and at any locations where people have direct interactions and near high-touch surfaces.

v. Maintaining Distance in outdoor spaces.
   1. In areas of concern, mark six-foot spacers to help customers visualize safe distancing.
   2. In areas with a lot of cross traffic, direct pedestrian traffic to enter/exit these locations in specific ways or indicate one-way traffic wherever possible.
   3. Alter cart pick-up/drop-off, driving range and putting green practices to comply with social distancing.

vi. Be as flexible as possible with staff attendance and sick-leave policies. Remind staff to stay at home if they are sick. Isolate and send home anyone who exhibits fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
   1. Employees must perform daily symptom assessment, including assessing for symptoms and taking your temperature with a thermometer and monitoring for fever. Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficult breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.
   2. Require employees to stay at home if symptomatic and perform daily symptom assessment requirements before returning to work.
   3. Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:

a. Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation;
b. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;
c. Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons;
d. Facial coverings are in violation of the business' documented safety policies;
e. Facial coverings are not required when the employee/volunteer works alone in an assigned work area; or
f. There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee/volunteer not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

(Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.)

4. Business/golf course vehicles, equipment, break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas must be cleaned and disinfected after every use.
5. Implement staggered employee entry, working in assigned teams, varied arrival and departure and staggered breaks to avoid interaction or grouping among staff.
6. It is recommended that, if possible, third-party delivery staff to wait outside or in non-congested areas practicing social distancing guidelines. Encourage third-party delivery staff to wear face coverings.
7. It is recommended that, if possible, educate on proper use, disposal, and maintenance of face coverings. Enhance education on proper use of gloves, per code.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, health checks may include temperature assessments, questionnaires, employee self-checks, screening app or other tools. Update files with log of "health checks."
9. It is recommended that, if possible, businesses conduct telephone symptom assessment for employees who were ill and planning to return to work.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, as employee rehiring begins, consider virtual interviewing and on-boarding.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, reinforce education per current food safety code about when to wash hands. Post health department handwashing posters at sinks and stations. Set times for periodic handwashing.
12. It is recommended that, if possible, regularly provide staff with up-to-date information about COVID-19 and related business procedures and policies. Communicate the importance of practicing preventive actions.

b. Golfers

i. Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.
ii. Follow instructions and signs when checking in at the club house, ordering food, beverages, etc.
iii. Wait until called to the first tee box or until the group ahead of you has clearly left the tee.

iv. Use social distancing and maintain at least six feet between individuals in all areas including on tees and greens.
v. Do not gather in groups of more than 10.
vi. Do not touch other players' clubs, golf balls, carts, etc.
vii. Leave flagsticks in the hole.
viii. It is recommended that, if possible, book tee times by phone or online.
ix. It is recommended that, if possible, allow space between cars in the parking lot.
x. It is recommended that, if possible, players should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to their tee time. Warm up should occur 15 minutes before tee time.
xi. It is recommended that, if possible, wear a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to other golfers.
xii. It is recommended that, if possible, practice good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.
xiii. It is recommended that, if possible, bring trash bags, food, and supplies. Plan to carry in and carry out trash and other items including items from your cart after your round.

c. Resources

i. Hamilton, Franklin and Lake County Metro Parks
ii. Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), National Golf Foundation (NGF)

11. **Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Local and Public Pools and Aquatic Centers.** Activities, leagues, organizations, businesses or employers, whether currently open or reopening, are to take the following actions:

a. Aquatic Facilities Operators

i. General Operations
   1. Review and consult the CDC guidance for aquatic venues
ii. Communicate clearly:
   1. Post information throughout the pool and surrounding areas to frequently remind swimmers and visitors to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These messages should include information about:
      a. Staying home if you are sick or do not feel well.
      b. Using social distancing and maintaining at least six feet or more between individuals in all areas of the pool and deck whenever possible.
      c. No gathering in groups of different households.
      d. Swimmers should not stand, sit, or otherwise block walkways or any identified narrow passage area.
      e. Encourage face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to other swimmers, practice good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand

sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.

f. It is recommended that, if possible, develop regular communication with customers through a variety of channels (text, emails, social posts, flyers, etc.) to clearly communicate the steps your beach, pool and aquatic center is taking to protect users and stop the spread of COVID-19.

g. It is recommended that, if possible, develop and update website, send emails to users with additional preventative steps the facility is taking, as well as communicate any changes users should expect to experience.

iii. Maintain public restrooms and shower facilities to lower risk of spread of virus.

1. Disable, or mark every other or every third locker for non-use to enforce six-foot social distancing requirement. Facilities where lockers are assigned to members are not required to disable lockers but must enforce social distancing requirement.
2. Remove any casual seating other than benches by lockers as necessary.
3. Ensure there are functional toilets and restroom facilities.
4. Clean and disinfect public areas and restrooms every two hours using EPA-registered disinfectants, particularly on high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs and light switches.
5. Make sure supplies for handwashing, including soap and materials for drying hands are fully stocked every time the bathroom is cleaned.
6. If towels are provided, they are to be stored in covered, sanitized containers that are clearly delineated clean versus soiled. Appropriate temperatures are to be used when washing and drying towels to ensure sanitation (hot water for washing, ensure they are completely dried). Employees handling towels must wear gloves and face covering.
7. Restroom and shower facilities should limit the number of users at any one time based on the facility size current social distancing guidelines. These facilities should be cleaned/sanitized per CDC recommended protocol along with established restroom cleaning schedules.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, post a cleaning schedule at each location.
9. It is recommended that, if possible, install touch-free entry points at restrooms and other facilities.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, Install touchless sensors on faucets, paper towel, and soap dispensers wherever possible.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, install and stock toilet seat cover dispensers.

iv. Closures, modifications and limitations:

1. Install physical barriers (for example, lane lines in the water or chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff, patrons, and swimmers stay at least six feet apart from those they don't live with, both in and out of the water.
2. Discourage or prohibit shared objects including goggles, nose clips, and snorkels.
3. In accordance with current orders, close any non-essential areas where people could potentially congregate.

4. Any food service must be run in accordance with current orders and guidelines for such establishments, found in Responsible Restart Ohio for Restaurants and Bars.
5. Develop and implement a reduced maximum capacity to allow 6-feet of distance between users. The formula for capacity should consider the available deck area as well as the pool surface area, as often one is greater than the other. If water surface area is smaller than deck area, an additional limit of swimmers/pool occupants should be implemented to ensure proper social distancing.
6. Develop revised deck layouts in the standing and seating areas so individuals can remain at least 6 feet apart from others.
7. It is recommended that, if possible, facilities may determine if masks are required to enter common spaces.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, implement a reservation system or a time limit for visitors and swimmers to accommodate the reduction in pool capacity.
9. It is recommended that, if possible, ensure adequate equipment for patrons and swimmers, such as kick boards and pool noodles, to minimize sharing to the extent possible, or limiting use of equipment by one group of users at a time and cleaning and disinfecting between use.

v. Follow all appropriate guidance for customer interaction, retail sales, and equipment rentals.
1. Install barriers and protective shields where needed to safely distance staff and customers.
2. Post a revised occupancy number in retail or rental areas in accordance with any current order to minimize crowding where necessary.
3. Mark floors inside buildings for six feet standing areas or one-way traffic.
4. Clean and disinfect high-use areas like doorhandles, keypads, counter tops, etc. after each use or at a minimum of every two hours.
5. Disinfect all rental equipment after each use, using EPA-registered disinfectants.
6. Arrange any seating areas, tables, chairs, etc. (indoors and out) at safe distances from each other. If safe distances are not achievable, or regular sanitizing of these areas is not possible, barricade or remove seating areas.
7. Review and follow all guidance for retail operations as provided in Responsible Restart Ohio for Retail Services.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, regularly provide customers with up-to-date information about COVID-19 and related business procedures and policies. Communicate the importance of practicing preventive actions.
9. It is recommended that, if possible and where available, use online solutions for reservations, waivers, or payment.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, install touch-free entry points to buildings.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, create self-sanitizing stations by making hand sanitizer, soap, and water, or effective disinfectant available to the public at or near the entrance of facilities and at any locations where people have direct interactions and near high-touch surfaces.

vi. Maintaining Distance in outdoor spaces.

1. In areas of concern, mark six-foot spaces on pool deck to help users visualize safe distancing.
2. In areas with a lot of cross traffic, direct pedestrian traffic to enter/exit these locations in specific ways or indicate one-way traffic wherever possible.

vii. Employees and contractors:
1. Maintain at least six feet physical distance from other employees.
2. Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:
   a. Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation;
   b. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;
   c. Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons;
   d. Facial coverings are in violation of the business' documented safety policies;
   e. Facial coverings are not required when the employee volunteer works alone in an assigned work area; or
   f. There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee/volunteer not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

   (Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.)
3. Be as flexible as possible with staff attendance and sick- leave policies. Remind staff to stay at home if they are sick. Isolate and send home anyone who exhibits fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
4. Employees must perform daily symptom assessment, including assessing for symptoms and taking your temperature with a thermometer and monitoring for fever. Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficult breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.
5. Require employees to stay at home if symptomatic and perform daily symptom assessment requirements before returning to work.
6. Company vehicles, equipment, break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas must be cleaned and disinfected after every use.
7. Implement staggered employee entry, working in assigned teams, varied arrival and departure, and staggered breaks to avoid interaction or grouping among staff.
8. Require regular handwashing.
9. It is recommended that, if possible, encourage third-party delivery staff to wait outside or in non-congested areas practicing social distancing guidelines. Encourage third-party delivery staff to wear face coverings.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, educate on proper use, disposal, and maintenance of face coverings. Enhance education on proper use of gloves, per code.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, health checks may include temperature assessments, questionnaires, employee self-checks, screening apps or other tools. Update files with log of "health checks".

12. It is recommended that, if possible, conduct telephone symptom assessment for employees who were ill and planning to return to work.
13. It is recommended that, if possible, as employee rehiring begins, consider virtual interviewing and on-boarding when possible.
14. It is recommended that, if possible, reinforce education per current food safety code about when to wash hands. Post health department handwashing posters at sinks and stations. Set times for periodic handwashing.
15. It is recommended that, if possible, avoid switching tasks when possible to reduce cross contamination concerns. Increase handwashing if changing tasks is necessary.
16. It is recommended that, if possible, appoint an employee safety team or point of contact to identify safety concerns; suggest additional safety or sanitizing measures; and make ongoing improvements to your safety plan. Make sure all employees know who is on this team and how to contact them. This team can be responsible for training, developing, and distributing information regarding updated protocols, answering questions, and displaying information.
17. It is recommended that, if possible, regularly provide staff with up-to-date information about COVID-19 and related business procedures and policies. Communicate the importance of practicing preventive actions.

b. Pool Users

i. Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.
ii. Use social distancing and maintain at least six feet between individuals in all areas of the pool or aquatic center.
iii. Do not swim or gather in groups of more than 10.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, wear a mask or face covering when on the pool deck, entering buildings, or interacting near other pool guests. Masks should be removed prior to swimming as wet masks can cause difficulty breathing.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, practice good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, bring trash bags, food, and supplies. Plan to carry in and carry out trash and other items.

c. Confirmed Cases

i. Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at work.
ii. Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposures.
iii. Shutdown area for deep sanitation if possible.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/ notifications.

v. It is recommended that, if possible, once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

12. **Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Tennis Facilities.** Activities, leagues, organizations, businesses or employers, whether currently open or reopening, are to take the following actions:

a. Tennis Court Operators

i. Post information throughout the facility to remind players and others to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These messages should include information about:
   1. Staying home if you are sick or do not feel well. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.
   2. Maintain six-foot or more social distancing between individuals in all areas.
   3. Not gathering in groups.
   4. Players should not loiter.
   5. Wearing a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to other golfers, practicing good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.

ii. Maintain public restrooms and locker rooms to lower risk of spread of virus.
   1. Disable, or mark every other or every third locker for non-use to enforce six-foot social distancing requirement. Facilities where lockers are assigned to members are not required to disable lockers but must enforce social distancing requirement.
   2. Remove any casual seating other than benches by lockers as necessary.
   3. Clean and disinfect public areas and restrooms every two hours using EPA-registered disinfectants, particularly on high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs and light switches.
   4. If independent showers are available and used, they must be attended and sanitized between each use.
   5. Disable or close-off communal style showers except for rinsing before and after any pool activity.
   6. Make sure supplies for handwashing, including soap and materials for drying hands are fully stocked every time the bathroom is cleaned.
   7. Disable or close-off steam rooms and saunas.
   8. If towels are provided, they are to be stored in covered, sanitized containers that are clearly delineated clean versus soiled. Appropriate temperatures are to be used when washing and drying towels to ensure sanitation (hot water for washing, ensure they are completely dried). Employees handling towels must wear gloves and face covering.

9. Restroom facilities should limit the number of users at any one time based on the facility size current social distancing guidelines. These facilities should be cleaned/ sanitized per CDC recommended protocol along with established restroom cleaning schedules.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, post a cleaning schedule at each location.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, install touch-free entry points at restrooms and other facilities.
12. It is recommended that, if possible, install touchless sensors on sinks and hand dryers.

iii. Closures, modifications and limitations:
1. Establish maximum capacity that allows for six feet physical distancing.
2. In accordance with current orders, close any non-essential areas where people could potentially congregate.
3. All food service must be run in accordance with current orders and guidelines for such establishments. All self-service food stations should be closed or only operated by employees in accordance with the guidance outlined in Responsible Restart Ohio for restaurants and bars.
4. No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.
5. It is recommended that, if possible, facilities may determine if masks are required to enter common spaces or may be made available to guests entering common spaces based on the facility.
6. It is recommended that, if possible, post directional signage to encourage separation of entrances and exits.
7. It is recommended that, if possible, use every other court, if possible.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, remove common touchable surfaces (water coolers, counters, towel racks, etc.).
9. It is recommended that, if possible, minimize court activity; for example, limit court activities to casual court rental, one-on-one coaching, small groups, and private lessons.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, postpone any social gatherings or large outings.
11. It is recommended that, if possible, alter practices in socializing areas to meet social distancing.

iv. Follow all appropriate guidance for customer interaction, retail sales and equipment rentals.
1. Alter check-in/pay practices to meet six-foot social distancing guidelines.
2. Install barriers and protective shields where needed to safely distance staff and customers.
3. Post a revised occupancy number in retail or rental areas in accordance with any current order to minimize crowding where necessary.
4. Mark floors inside buildings for six feet standing areas or one-way traffic.
5. Clean and disinfect high-use areas like door handles, keypads, counter tops, etc. after each use or at a minimum of every two hours.
6. Disinfect all rental equipment, after each use, using EPA-registered disinfectants.

7. Arrange any seating areas, tables, chairs, etc. (indoors and out) at safe distances from each other. If safe distances are not achievable, or regular sanitizing of these areas is not possible, barricade or remove seating areas.
8. Review and follow all guidance for retail operations as provided in Responsible Restart Ohio for Retail Services.
9. Alter practices for accommodating leagues and outings to meet social distancing and large gathering guidelines.
10. It is recommended that, if possible, regularly provide customers with up-to-date information about COVID-19 and related business procedures and policies. Communicate the importance of practicing preventive actions.
11. It is recommended that, if possible and where available, use online solutions for reservations, waivers or payment.
12. It is recommended that, if possible, install touch-free entry points to buildings where possible.
13. It is recommended that, if possible, create self-sanitizing stations by making hand sanitizer, soap, and water, or effective disinfectant available to the public at or near the entrance of facilities and at any locations where people have direct interactions and near high-touch surfaces.

v. Maintaining Distance in outdoor spaces.
1. In areas of concern, mark six-foot spacers to help customers visualize safe distancing.
2. In areas with a lot of cross traffic, direct pedestrian traffic to enter/exit these locations in specific ways or indicate one-way traffic wherever possible.

vi. Be as flexible as possible with staff attendance and sick-leave policies. Remind staff to stay at home if they are sick. Isolate and send home anyone who exhibits fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
1. Employees must perform daily symptom assessment including assessing for symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, and taking your temperature with a thermometer and monitoring for fever.
2. Require employees to stay at home if symptomatic and perform daily symptom assessment requirements before returning to work.
3. Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:
   a. Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation;
   b. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;
   c. Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons;
   d. Facial coverings are in violation of the business' documented safety policies;
   e. Facial coverings are not required when the employee/volunteer works alone in an assigned work area; or
   f. There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee/volunteer not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

   (Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At

minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.)

4. Company vehicles, equipment, break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas must be cleaned and disinfected after every use.
5. Implement staggered employee entry, working in assigned teams, varied arrival and departure and staggered breaks to avoid interaction or grouping among staff.
6. It is recommended that, if possible, as employee rehiring begins, consider virtual interviewing and on-boarding.
7. It is recommended that, if possible, reinforce education per current food safety code about when to wash hands. Post health department handwashing posters at sinks and stations. Set times for periodic handwashing.
8. It is recommended that, if possible, regularly provide staff with up-to-date information about COVID-19 and related business procedures and policies. Communicate the importance of practicing preventive actions.

b. Coaches

i. Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.
ii. Wear a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to others.
iii. No touch rule - coaches must refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, officials, and fans.
iv. Avoid exchanging documents or equipment before, during or after the event.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing on the bench.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment has to be shared, proper sanitation must be administered between users.

c. Referees/Officials

i. Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.
ii. Wear a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to others.
iii. Avoid exchanging documents or equipment before, during or after the event.
iv. Adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators on or off the court.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, use digital Check-in and registration for all events.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, officials should stand behind a barrier, if possible.

d. Players

i. Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.

ii. Arrive no more than 10 minutes early or wait in designated waiting areas or in your car.
iii. Follow instructions and signs when checking in, ordering food, beverages, etc.
iv. Wait until called to the court or until the group ahead of you has clearly left the court.
v. Use social distancing and maintain at least six-feet between individuals in all areas.
vi. Do not gather in groups of more than 10.
vii. Do not touch other players' racquets, tennis balls, gear, etc.
viii. Avoid using your hand to pick up balls; use your racquet/ foot to pick up balls to hit back to your opponent or another court.
ix. Use your own tennis balls (for example, clearly mark yours or use a different color).
x. It is recommended that, if possible, book court times by phone or on-line.
xi. It is recommended that, if possible, allow space between cars in the parking lot.
xii. It is recommended that, if possible, wear a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to others.
xiii. It is recommended that, if possible, practice good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.
xiv. It is recommended that, if possible, avoid touching gates, fences, benches, etc.
xv. It is recommended that, if possible, bring trash bags, food, water and supplies. Plan to carry in and carry out trash and other items.
xvi. It is recommended that, if possible, avoid using locker rooms or changing areas.

e. Spectators

i. Stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.
ii. Arrive no more than 10 minutes early or wait in designated waiting areas or in your car.
iii. Follow instructions and signs when checking in, ordering food, beverages, etc.
iv. Use social distancing and maintain at least six-feet between individuals in all areas.
v. Do not gather in groups of more than 10.
vi. Do not enter player areas.
vii. It is recommended that, if possible, wear a mask or face covering when entering buildings or interacting in close proximity to others.
viii. It is recommended that, if possible, practice good personal hygiene including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, refraining from touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, coughing and sneezing into an elbow, etc.
ix. It is recommended that, if possible, bleachers and other high-contact seating areas can be removed or closed, if possible.

f. Resources

i. U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) Midwest Region

ii. Swim and Racquet Club (Columbus, OH); Upper Arlington, OH Parks and Recreation Department

**13. Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Skills Training for All Sports.** Activities, leagues, organizations, businesses or employers, whether currently open or reopening, are to take the following actions:

a. Participants/Spectators

i. Skills training may begin. Social distancing should be followed. Coaches should designate space for each player to maintain six foot spacing.
ii. Parents/guardians remaining at the training facility should maintain six-foot social distancing practices. No additional spectators are permitted.
iii. No-touch rule is in effect. All individuals must avoid physical contact with others including high fives, huddles, or other close contact occurring before, during, and after skills sessions unless the contact is for the purpose of safety. Scrimmages and games are not permitted.
iv. No congregation should occur before or after the training or practice session.
v. Coaches, players, parents/guardians must do a self-symptom check before going to the training session or practice. Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.
vi. It is recommended that, if possible, parents/guardians should wear face coverings inside the training facility.

b. Equipment

i. Facilities/clubs/teams must ensure that practice facilities have adequate space for social distancing on and off the field of play.
ii. Time should be allotted between sessions to allow teams to exit fields/facilities prior to new teams arriving.
iii. Equipment and items related to the activity must be sanitized before, during and after every event. If equipment cannot be sanitized during the activity, only participants of a single team must use equipment and items related to the activity and opposing participants avoid touching that equipment.
iv. All protocol included in the Responsible RestartOhio Guidance for Gyms, Dance Instruction Studios, and Other Personal Fitness Venues must be followed.

c. Confirmed Cases

i. Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
ii. Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
iii. It is recommended that, if possible, work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
iv. It is recommended that, if possible, once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.

v. It is recommended that, if possible, following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

14. **Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for General Non-Contact Sports including Bowling Alleys.** Activities, leagues, organizations, businesses or employers, whether currently open or reopening, are to take the following actions:

a. Participants/Spectators

i. Spectators must maintain six-foot social distancing.
ii. All individuals present must adhere to six-foot social distancing before, during, and after all events.
iii. Participants must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell, must stay home.
iv. No touch rule is in effect. All individuals must avoid physical contact with others including high fives, huddles, or other close contact occurring before, during, and after the events.
v. Players must not share individual water bottles or other beverages before, during, or after all events.
vi. No spitting at any time before, during, or after events.
vii. Teams and individuals must adjust rules to adhere to the requirements herein.
viii. It is recommended that, if possible, spectators should wear face coverings.
ix. It is recommended that, if possible, athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible.
x. It is recommended that, if possible, face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue and during participation in the activity.
xi. It is recommended that, if possible, all individuals should avoid congregating in common spaces or parking lot before, during and after events. If applicable, individuals should enter or exit venues at separate times to adhere to six-foot social distancing.

b. Equipment

i. Equipment and items related to the activity must be sanitized before, during, and after every event. If equipment cannot be sanitized during the activity, only participants of a single team must use equipment and items related to the activity and opposing participants avoid touching that equipment.

c. Confirmed Cases

i. Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
ii. Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
iii. It is recommended that, if possible, work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.

iv. It is recommended that, if possible, once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
v. It is recommended that, if possible, following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

**15. Duration.** This remainder of this Order shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on May 26, 2020 and remains in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, unless the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order at a sooner time and date.

COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person. The virus is spread between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It may be possible that individuals can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes.

On January 23, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Journal Entry making COVID-19 a Class A reportable disease in Ohio.

On January 28, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health hosted the first statewide call with local health departments and healthcare providers regarding COVID-19.

On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern.

On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.

On February 1, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a statewide Health Alert Network to provide local health departments and healthcare providers with updated guidance for COVID-19 and revised Person Under Investigation (PUI) criteria.

On February 3, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health trained over 140 personnel to staff a call center for COVID-19, in the event it was needed.

On February 5, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health began updating and notifying the media of the number of PUIs in Ohio every Tuesday and Thursday.

On February 6, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health updated all agency assistant directors and chiefs of staff on COVID-19 preparedness and status during the Governor's cabinet meeting.

On February 7, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency met to conduct advance planning for COVID-19.

On February 13, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health conducted a Pandemic Tabletop Exercise with State agencies to review responsive actions should there be a pandemic in Ohio.

On February 14, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health held a conference call with health professionals across the state. The purpose of the call was to inform and engage the healthcare community in Ohio. Presentations were provided by the Department of Health, Hamilton County Public Health, and the Ohio State University.

On February 27, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency briefed the directors of State agencies during the Governor's cabinet meeting regarding preparedness and the potential activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

On February 28, 2020, the "Governor DeWine, Health Director Update COVID-19 Prevention and Preparedness Plan" was sent to a broad range of associations representing healthcare, dental, long-term care, K-12 schools, colleges and universities, business, public transit, faith-based organizations, non-profit organizations, and local governments.

On March 2, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health activated a Joint Information Center to coordinate COVID-19 communications.

On March 5, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health hosted the Governor's Summit on COVID-19 Preparedness, a meeting with the Governor, cabinet agency directors, local health department commissioners, and their staff.

On March 6, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health opened a call center to answer questions from the public regarding COVID-19.

On March 9, 2020, testing by the Department of Health confirmed that three (3) patients were positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio. This confirms the presence of a potentially dangerous condition which may affect the health, safety and welfare of citizens of Ohio.

On March 9, 2020, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency activated the Emergency Operations Center.

On March 9, 2020, the Governor Declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D.

On March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

On March 11, 2020, testing by the Ohio Department of Health confirmed that one (1) more patient was positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio.

On March 11, 2020, the Ohio Departments of Health and Veterans Services issued a Joint Directors' Order to limit access to Ohio nursing homes and similar facilities.

On March 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order to limit access to Ohio's jails and detention facilities.

On March 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order to limit the sale of food and beverages, liquor, beer and wine to carry-out and delivery only.

On March 15, 2020, the CDC issued Interim Guidance for mass gatherings or large community events, stating that such events that consist of 50 or more people should be cancelled or postponed.

On March 16, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order closing polling locations for the March 17, 2020 primary election.

On March 17, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order for the management of non-essential surgeries and procedures throughout Ohio.

On March 17, 2020 the Ohio Department of Health issued an Amended Director's Order to limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings and the closure of venues in the State of Ohio.

On March 19, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order closing hair salons, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, and massage therapy locations.

On March 21, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order closing older adult day care services and senior centers.

On March 21, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order closing family entertainment centers and internet cafes.

On March 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order that all persons are to stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity.

On March 24, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order that closed facilities providing child care services.

On March 30, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued an Amended Director's Order that closed all K-12 schools in the State of Ohio.

On April 2, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued an Amended Director's Order that all persons are to stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity.

On April 30, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued the Stay Safe Ohio Order that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continued a stay healthy and safe at home order.

Multiple areas of the United States are experiencing "community spread" of the virus that causes COVID-19. Community spread, defined as the transmission of an illness for which the source is unknown, means that isolation of known areas of infection is no longer enough to control spread.

The CDC reports that people are most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest) however some spread might be possible before people show symptoms although that is not the main way the virus spreads.

Mass gatherings (10 or more persons) increase the risk of community transmission of the virus COVID-19.

Accordingly, I hereby **ORDER** that baseball, softball, batting cages, golf courses, miniature golf, local and public pools and aquatic centers, tennis facilities, skills training for all sports, and general non-contact sports including bowling alleys may reopen or remain open as set forth in this Order. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, unless the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order at a sooner time and date. To the extent any public official enforcing this Order has questions regarding what services are prohibited under this Order, the Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order.

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