



Executive Order No. EO2020-0002

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on this 11th day of March 2020, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as members of the community have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is imminent. The resulting impact of the disease on Cuyahoga County residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic; and,

WHEREAS, local resources in the area affected by these events have been or are likely to be exhausted and capabilities exceeded; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. The Ohio State of Emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response and the County of Cuyahoga must also engage in that effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County, and by virtue of the Ohio Emergency Management Act, do hereby order and declare a State of Emergency within the County of Cuyahoga.

I further order and declare that all departments and agencies, charged with response activities under the Cuyahoga County Emergency Operations Plan, are hereby directed to a rapid conclusion for the best interests of the residents of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, pursuant to the Ohio Emergency Management Act.

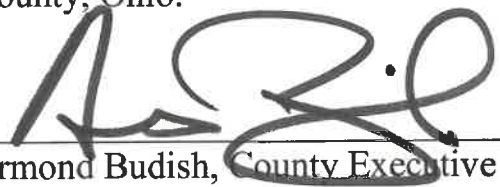
I further order and declare that all available emergency relief efforts be coordinated through the Cuyahoga County Emergency Operation Center to provide appropriate assistance and coordination for required emergency measures to save lives and ensure the public health and safety in the County of Cuyahoga.

I further order and restrict all nonessential travel for county business. All out-of-state and/or international travel to conduct county business will be approved on a case-by-case basis through the Office of the Executive.

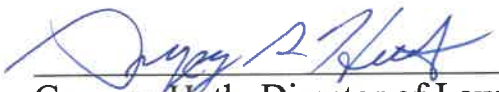
I further encourage that all employees and residents of Cuyahoga County engaging in personal travel only do so after carefully considering the most current Center For Disease Control travel guidance.

This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature and shall continue in force until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner.

I have signed this Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency on this 11th day of March 2020, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,


Gregory Huth, Director of Law