



## **Executive Order No. EO2020-009**

### **REVISED DECLARATION AND ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, and COVID-19 SCREENING IN COUNTY BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 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 numerous 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, 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 "Governor's March 9 Order"); and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, I issued Executive Order EO2020-0002 Declaring a State of Emergency for Cuyahoga County due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020 the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued an Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing which prohibits gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside a single household and connected property, or living unit and connected property (the "Director's May 29 Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Director's May 29 Order also advises individuals who travel outside of their places of residence to comply as much as reasonably possible with Social Distancing Requirements defined as: maintaining at least six feet from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and sneezes with a sleeve or elbow, regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020 the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued a Second Order to Extend the Date of Various Orders which extends the expiration date of the Director's May 29 Order until the earlier of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor's March 9 Order no longer exists or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds and modifies the Director's May 29 Order (the "Director's July 6 Order"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-143, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (the "County Board") issued a Stay-at-Home Health Advisory advising all County residents to stay at home to the greatest extent possible and strongly encourages employers to accommodate as many employees as possible to work from home during the continuing spread of COVID-19 (the "CCBH SAH Advisory"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-156, the County Board extended the expiration date of the CCBH SAH Advisory to January 15, 2021 (the "County Order"); and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency declared in the Governor's March 9 Order continues to exist and the applicable provisions of the Director's May 29 Order, the County Order, and my Executive Order EO2020-0002, dated March 11, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency in Cuyahoga County have not been modified or rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all visitors and County employees entering any County building under the jurisdiction of the County Executive, with the exception of the Justice Center, shall be screened for COVID-19 in accordance with guidance provided by the Cuyahoga Board of Health. If the screening indicates that any such visitor or employee may be infected with COVID-19, that individual shall be denied entry to such building unless and until the individual provides evidence of a COVID-19 negative test dated after said screening.

2. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all visitors to any County building under the jurisdiction of the County Executive, with the exception of the Justice Center, must wear a face covering and maintain Required Social Distancing when within said County Buildings.

3. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all county employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering when in a common area within any County building or if the employee's workspace is within six feet of a common area and there is no barrier at least seven feet high surrounding the employee's workspace.

4. A face covering must be cloth or other fabric and worn to cover the individual's nose, mouth, and chin. Common area is an area within a County building generally available to the public or otherwise used by employees and outside of an employee's work space (e.g., hallways and other walkways, stairwells, restrooms, and breakrooms).

5. A face covering need not be worn when not advisable for health reasons, while the employee is working alone in a work space sufficiently isolated from other employees or common area, or under any other circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.

6. Executive Order EO2020-0007 dated May 14, 2020 is hereby rescinded

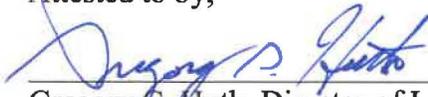
7. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature and shall continue in force until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor's March 9 Order no longer exists.

8. The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed, as is the case with all Executive Orders, with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law, and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency on this 31 day of December 2020, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

  
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Armond Budish, County Executive  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,

  
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Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law