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 7, 2020 the counties of Wood, Lorain, Summit, Fairfield, Pickaway and Clermont 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.

2. Duration: This Addendum to the July 8, 2020 Order shall be effective at 6:00 p.m. July 10, 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 Wood, Lorain, Summit, Fairfield, Pickaway and Clermont 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
Interim Director of Health

July 10, 2020