



DIRECTOR'S ORDER

Re: First Amended Revised Order to Limit and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings in the State of Ohio, with Exceptions

I, Stephanie McCloud, 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 in the State of Ohio:

1. All public and private gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside a single residence and the real estate on which it is located, or an apartment, condominium, or dormitory living unit are prohibited.
2. Paragraph 1 does not apply to wedding ceremonies and funeral observances.
3. Wedding receptions, funeral repasts, proms, and other events, whether or not food is served, at banquet facilities shall comply with the Director’s Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio, signed July 23, 2020, the Director’s Third Amended Order that Reopens Restaurants, Bars, Banquet and Catering Facilities and Services to Dine-in Service, with Exceptions, signed September 23, 2020 and the Addendum to Director’s Third Amended Order that Reopens Restaurants, Bars, Banquet and Catering Facilities and Services to Dine-in Service, with Exceptions, signed February 11, 2021. Events at banquet centers no longer have a 300 person limitation, so long as they comply with the Orders identified in this section.
4. Paragraph 1 does not apply to religious observances.
5. Paragraph 1 does not apply to First Amendment protected speech, including petition or referendum circulators and any activity by the Media, which includes newspapers, television, radio, other media services, and to governmental meetings, which includes meetings that are required to be open to the public pursuant to R.C. 121.22.
6. Paragraph 1 does not apply to gatherings otherwise permitted by Orders of the Director of Health.
7. Pool tables, pinball machines, dart boards, juke boxes, video games, arcade games and other coin operated machines are still permitted to be open pursuant to the guidelines set forth and references in the Director’s Amended Order that Reopens Restaurants, Bars, Banquet and Catering Facilities and Services, with Exceptions, signed June 5, 2020.
8. This Order shall be effective at 12:01 p.m. on March 2, 2021 and remains in full force and effect until the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order.

Accordingly, I hereby **ORDER** that all public and private gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside a single residence and the real estate on which it is located, or an apartment, condominium, or dormitory living unit are prohibited, with exceptions. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this Order. To the extent any public official enforcing this Order has questions regarding the effect of this Order, the Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order.

Stephanie McCloud, Director

March 2, 2021

Date