



Department of Health

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Stephanie McCloud, Director

AMENDED DIRECTOR'S ORDER

Re: Amended Director's Order Rescinding the Director's Order to Limit Access to Ohio's Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs) and Permit Visitation

I, Stephanie McCloud, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.13, to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases, hereby ORDER the following:

On September 24, 2020, The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued an ORDER Limiting Access and Permitting Visitation in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) licensed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Since that ORDER was issued, vaccines have been administered statewide at all ICF/IIDs and these vaccines have been shown to help prevent COVID-19 infection. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance to ICF/IIDs to safely facilitate in-person visitation and address the psychosocial needs of residents.

In support of Ohio's continued effort to vaccinate staff and residents and reunite families to combat the isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am hereby rescinding the September 24, 2020 Order. Each ICF/IID shall follow all relevant guidance issued by CMS regarding access to the facilities, visitation, and communal activities.

Accordingly, this Order shall replace all prior Orders regarding Ohio's ICF/IIDs. This Order shall be effective April 28, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.

Stephanie McCloud, Director of Health

April 27, 2021

Date