

Proclamation by the Mayor

Proclamation 20-05 and Issuing Orders

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, Dr. Amy Acton, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, pursuant to the authority granted her in Ohio Revised Code 37091.13, 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. The sacrifices and incredible efforts that Ohioans have undertaken, make it possible to begin to lift the mandatory requirements and restrictions that were needed during the initial phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. Section 3 (Stay at home or place of residence) of the Director of Health order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is rescinded.
3. Section 5 (Prohibited and permitted travel) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe home order in the State is amended to read as follows:

Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19, are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, or are exhibiting the symptoms identified in the screening guidance available from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health, unless they have recovered, shall not enter the State, unless they are doing so under medical orders for the purposes of medical care, are being transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), are driving or being driven directly to a medical provider for purposes of initial care, or are a permanent resident of the State.

4. Section 15 (Travel) of the Director Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is rescinded.
5. The Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order remains in effect. The purpose of today’s Order is to amend or modify portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order.
6. This Order takes effect immediately.

WHEREAS, Dr. Amy Action, on May 20, 2020 issued an “Urgent Health Advisory”, Ohioans Protecting Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus is becoming of the leading causes of death in Ohio, and preliminary research indicates that as of May 19, 2020, more than 90,000 people in the

U.S., including 1,657 Ohioans representing all 88 counties, have died with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the risk to the health of all Ohioans remains high because no vaccine or cure is currently available, and the virus will continue to spread as businesses reopen and interactions increase; and

WHEREAS, although some restrictions can be loosened our individual obligation to each other matters now more than ever.

WHEREAS, Dr. Amy Action, Director of the Ohio Department of Public Health has issued the following “Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Urgent Health Advisory” that recommends that Ohioans continue to stay home as much as possible, but maintains mandates limited large group and requiring safe business condition to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio:

1. Elderly people and those who are vulnerable as a result of illness should take additional precautions including people who are 65 years or older and people of all ages with underlying medical conditions particularly if not well controlled, including:

- a. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- b. People who have serious heart conditions;
- c. People who are immune compromised;
- d. People with severe obesity (body mass index (BMA) of 40 or higher);
- e. People with diabetes;
- f. People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; and
- g. People with liver disease

The elderly and those with underlying health conditions are urged to avoid places where they are likely to be exposed to an increased number of people. When out in public, they should wear a mask unless not otherwise indicated. They should also practice good hand-washing hygiene.

2. Other Ohioans. All other Ohioans who are not considered high-risk are advised to take precautions to limit the spread of this disease and rely on their sense of personal responsibility and accountability to others while leaving home. Because individuals can carry the virus and spread it prior to or without showing symptoms, this Urgent Health Advisory recommends (but does not require) that Ohioans who are not considered high-risk stay at their place of residence when possible with the intent of lowering the rate of spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, this order **does not change the mass gathering restriction, which remains at a 10-person limit;** and

WHEREAS, public recreational playgrounds, basketball courts and the Senior Citizen Center in Whitehall remain closed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitehall, Ohio supports the “Stay Safe Ohio” Order and will vigorously work to disseminate information regarding this order; and

WHEREAS, all state and federal relating to the containment of COVID-19 contagion shall be enforceable via Whitehall City Code Section 509; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Maggard, Mayor of the City of Whitehall, as a result of the above-noted conditions, and pursuant to Whitehall City Code Section 509, do hereby support the Stay Safe Ohio Order by Dr. Amy Acton, and

As a result of the foregoing ORDERS I call upon regular and auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within or without the City of Whitehall to assist in preserving and keeping the peace within the City. These ORDERS are in conjunction to and supplement therewith to the Orders issued by Governor Mike DeWine, and Director Dr. Amy Acton of the Ohio Department of Health, and shall not be construed to modify or limit such authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of any officer or public official as may be provided by law. Whoever violates any prohibition contained in these ORDERS, or knowingly fails to perform any duty required by this Proclamation Order and in effect pursuant to the laws and ordinances of the City of Whitehall, shall be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to Whitehall City Ordinance 509.99.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the City of Whitehall this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Whitehall, Ohio.

By:



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Kim Maggard, Mayor