



DIRECTOR'S ORDER

In Re: Closure of the Polling Locations in the State of Ohio on Tuesday March 17, 2020

I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, 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 polling locations in the State of Ohio closed on March 17, 2020. I make this Order to avoid the imminent threat with a high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of the people in the general population, including the elderly and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions. Further, it is clear from history and experience that large number of people gather at polling locations which increases the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

To conduct an election at this time would force poll workers and voters to face an unacceptable risk of contracting COVID-19.

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