

TO: Hamilton County Jurisdictional Leaders

FROM: Greg Kesterman, Interim Health Commissioner

RE: Update Closure Directives

DATE: March 17, 2020

Governor Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, have issued the following orders for closure, effective at the close of business Monday, March 16, 2020:

- Fitness facilities & gyms
- Bowling alleys
- Public recreation facilities
- Movie theatres
- Indoor water & trampoline parks

These closures are in addition to the previously announced closure of schools; libraries; museums; and elimination of large gatherings such as parades and sporting events with spectators. The **criteria for large gatherings has been reduced from 100 to 50.**

These restrictions are being implemented in the interest of maintaining social distancing in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible. Every step we take at this stage will save lives and reduce illness, while also reducing the burden on our healthcare systems. It is imperative to keep our healthcare systems operating to care for the most at-risk and seriously ill patients.

We are asking for your help in enforcing these orders. If your law enforcement teams during their normal rounds encounter any of these remaining open in contrast to the orders, please have them ask the operator to close. If you are unable to get them to comply, or are less-than-comfortable enforcing the order, please report the establishment to us. We will follow-up with specific orders for closure.

We appreciate your help and cooperation during this critical time.

