



In Re: Amended Reporting Requirements for 2019 - Novel Coronavirus Under Ohio Revised Code 3701.14 and 3701.23

Director's Journal Entry

I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, in accordance with my authority set forth in Sections 3701.14 and 3701.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, amend my order of January 23, 2020, declaring 2019 - novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV, now known as COVID-19) a disease of major public concern.

To protect the people and prevent the spread of contagious or infectious agents, I order that:

- **Confirmed** and **Probable** cases of COVID-19 be reported within twenty-four (24) hours to the local health district in which the person resides (or the local health district wherein the person is being medically evaluated if the person's residence is unknown or not in Ohio).
- Reports shall be by:
 - The physician or other healthcare provider in attendance of a known or suspected case;
 - A person in charge of a hospital, clinic, or other institution providing care or treatment, having knowledge of a reportable confirmed case pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 3701-3-03;
 - The person in charge of any laboratory that examines specimens of human origin for evidence of COVID-19 infection and determines the results of such examination to be positive pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 3701-3-04; or
 - Any individual having knowledge of a person suffering from COVID-19.

Physicians and other healthcare providers should immediately contact their governing health jurisdiction to obtain the most current case definition and guidance for the management and containment of COVID-19.

Local health districts that receive reports of confirmed cases shall report cases to the Ohio Department of Health pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3701.23 and Ohio Adm. Code 3701-3-06. The purpose of these requirements is to effectively control and suppress the spread of infectious agents, pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3701.14.

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Director of Health

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