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ODH Director Acton signs new Stay Safe Ohio Order as Stay-at-Home Order expires

On April 30, 2020, Dr. Amy Acton, Director of Ohio Department of Health, signed a new order extending the stay-at-home order, with new allowances, until May 29, 2020. The new Stay Safe Ohio order features Governor DeWine’s Responsible Restart Ohio Plan which outlines a timeline for reopening industry and business sectors. While some businesses prepare to reopen throughout the month of May, Dr. Acton’s order explains, “the extent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling additional day-to-day activities, to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19.” Public gatherings remain limited to 10 people and must exercise physical distancing. Travel restrictions remain in place and those who have been confirmed with COVID-19 or are exhibiting symptoms are restricted from entering the state.

The Athens City-County Health Department, in partnership with The Athens County Visitor’s Bureau, the Athens County Economic Development Council, and the Athens County Chamber of Commerce, have developed guidance documents to address the required safety standards for reopening businesses in Athens County. These documents, as well as resources developed by the Governor’s office, can be found on the Athens City-County Health Department website at www.athenspublichealth.org. In addition to the health department site, the Stay Safe Ohio Order and Responsible Restart Ohio Plan can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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The Ohio Department of Health call center is open for specific questions about COVID-19, 1-833-4 ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). The Ohio Department of Health updates the states numbers everyday at 2pm. For Athens-specific questions regarding COVID-19, contact the Athens City-County Health Department at 740-592-4431 or visit the Athens City-County Health Department website www.athenspublichealth.org and Facebook page, twitter@acchd_oh, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov, and the Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus page, www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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