ORDER NO. 2020-001
OF
THE SUMMIT COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, President Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”); and

Whereas, on March 14, 2020, a Declaration of a State of Emergency was issued by the Governor of Ohio in response to the prevalence and spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas, on March 22, 2020, Ohio Department of Health Director Acton issued a Stay at Home Order stating that people shall not gather in groups of 10 or more and that all Non-Essential Businesses and Operations must close; and,

Whereas, the Stay at Home Order requires business that maintain operations to follow certain guidance to protect their employees; and,

Whereas, Essential Businesses and Operations are vital to Summit County and any incapacity would have a debilitating impact on the physical or economic security of the County; and

Whereas, Essential Businesses and Operations are indispensable to Summit County and additional requirements are wise and necessary to protect the health of the people of Summit County and ensure that Essential Business and Operations are not interrupted by further spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas, COVID-19 is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings and in situations where people cannot maintain social distancing; and

Whereas, after personal investigation of the facts, the Health Commissioner has found that a dangerous communicable disease is unusually prevalent and that COVID-19 is an epidemic in Summit County; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HEALTH COMMISSIONER OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 3707 AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1. That the recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are hereby adopted by the Board and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 PM on April 6, 2020, unless terminated or modified by a subsequent Order or an Order of the Ohio Department of Health, the Health Commissioner deems that it is wise and necessary for the protection of the health of the people of the community of Summit County to enact the
following rules:

A. To the extent possible, retail establishments which are identified as essential businesses in the Ohio Department of Health’s March 22, 2020 order, including but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, pet food stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, gas stations, farmers’ markets, food pantries, and all other establishments that provide or sell food products or other goods to the public in which the public may not practice social distancing are **ORDERED** to establish controls to require a minimum of six feet of distance between patrons in lines queuing in front of and inside stores. Controls may include, but are not limited to, requiring each person to take a shopping cart or placing markers on the floor.

B. Such retail establishments are further encouraged to:
   i. increase the use and capability of drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services.
   ii. limit or restrict the number of customers permitted in a store at one time;
   iii. minimize the number of employees working within six (6) feet of one another;
   iv. provide hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues for the public;
   v. frequently clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails.

SECTION 3. That peace officers duly appointed by any jurisdiction in the County of Summit and Sanitarians and/or Sanitarians-in-Training employed by the Summit County Combined General Health District are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this order may be punishable through criminal (misdemeanor) or civil enforcement.

SECTION 4. The Summit County Combined General Health District will post this Order on its website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Order and its application.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 23rd day of March, 2020.

Donna Skoda, Health Commissioner