

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
VILLAGE OF WAKEMAN, OHIO

EXECUTIVE ORDER

By: Christopher J. Hipp, Mayor

RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)  
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

WHEREAS, in response the COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) current public health crisis, I, as Mayor of the Village of Wakeman, Ohio hereby takes notice of and finds the following:

*On January 23, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Journal Entry making COVID19 a Class A reportable disease in Ohio.*

*On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern.*

*On January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar II, declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.*

*On February 1, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a statewide Health Alert Network to provide local health departments and healthcare providers with updated guidance for COVID-19 and revised Person Under Investigation (PUI) criteria.*

*On March 9, 2020, testing by the Department of Health confirmed that three (3) patients were positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio. This confirms the presence of a potentially dangerous condition which may affect the health, safety and welfare of citizens of Ohio.*

*On March 9, 2020, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency activated the Emergency Operations Center.*

*On March 9, 2020, the Governor Declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-0 ID.*

*On March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.*

*On March 11, 2020, testing by the Ohio Department of Health confirmed that one (1) more patient was positive for COVID-19 in the State of Ohio.*

*On March 11, 2020, the Ohio Departments of Health and Veterans Services issued a Joint Directors' Order to limit access to Ohio nursing homes and similar facilities.*

*On March 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order to limit access to Ohio's jails and detention facilities.*

*On March 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order to limit the sale of food and beverages, liquor, beer and wine to carry-out and delivery only.*

*On March 15, 2020, the CDC issued Interim Guidance for mass gatherings or large community events, stating that such events that consist of 50 or more people should be cancelled or postponed.*

*As of March 16, 2020, Ohio has confirmed fifty (50) cases of COVID-19 in thirteen (13) counties throughout the state.*

WHEREAS, this office is aware of the municipal duties regarding CONTAGIOUS DISEASES provided in ORC 715.37 which provides that any municipal corporation may (B) secure the inhabitants of the municipal corporation from the evils of contagious, malignant, and infectious diseases

WHEREAS, based upon the findings above and in a good faith effort to assist the residents of the village during this public health crisis, this office will adopt a continuum of flexible responses. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential village functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all residents of the village.


NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to ORC 733.24, as the chief conservator of the peace of the village with the powers and duties provided by law, I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT that:

1. The Village may adopt temporary local rules created to allow flexibility in response to the public health crisis.
2. The Village may temporarily suspend local rules created to allow flexibility in response to the public health crisis.
3. Office policies may be temporarily adopted or suspended to protect public health while maintaining essential village functions.
4. Village council will have the lawful authority, within statutory and constitutional limits, to do, and direct to be done, all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of village affairs for the duration of the declared public health crisis.
5. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until the public health crisis is no longer exists to be determined by the Ohio Governor as determined by the Ohio Director of Health and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, or until further Executive Order.

This Executive Order shall be in full force and effective immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER J. HIPPI  
Village of Wakeman, Ohio