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BOARD OF HEALTH
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RESOLUTION No. 2020-156

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE COVID-19 STAY-AT-HOME HEALTH ADVISORY to January 15, 2021.

WHEREAS, since the adoption and implementation of Resolution 2020-143 which enacted a Stay-At-Home-health advisory through December 17, 2020, Cuyahoga County has continued to experience an ever increasing number of SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) cases, and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented recent surge has resulted in an increasing number of severely ill patients requiring hospitalization which is further diminishing local hospital bed capacity and dramatically affecting already tired and overworked medical staff, and

WHEREAS, the positivity rate for COVID-19 testing at Cuyahoga County hospital facilities still exceeds 25% as of mid-December with higher rates in some geographic areas, and

WHEREAS, the number of reported COVID-19 fatalities also continues to rise, and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health continues to experience a surge in cases and is reporting an average approaching 700 new COVID-19 cases a day, and modeling data from Case Western Reserve University indicates that new daily case reports may continue to rise across Cuyahoga County in the coming weeks, and

WHEREAS, the community has identified an additional surge in cases since the Thanksgiving holiday and anticipates potential exacerbations through the rest of the holiday season, and

WHEREAS, hospitalizations and fatalities follow symptom onset by several weeks, and

WHEREAS, additional guidance, advisement, warning and intervention is warranted to mitigate the dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases and to preserve remaining hospital capacity, and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to follow guidance from local, state, and federal officials on how to slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease, and

WHEREAS, taking the steps listed below is critical to preventing the future spread of the virus, protecting the lives of our residents and their loved ones, and preserving our acute and other healthcare services and capacity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Extension of Resolution 2020-143

The expiration of the Board's State-at-home Advisory is hereby extended to January 15, 2021.

Section 2. The original terms and conditions of the Stay-At-Home Advisory Order shall remain fully in effect.

SECTION 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.