

Statutes for Infectious Disease Quarantine, Isolation, and Reporting Requirements

The Ohio Administrative and Ohio Revised Codes require the reporting of any Class A, B, or C reportable disease to the local health department within the jurisdiction an infection occurs. Class A diseases are the most urgent as they pose significant risk to the health and safety of all Ohioans whenever there is a single infection or a larger outbreak. The Ohio Department of Health has classified the novel corona virus Sars-CoV-2 (COVID-19) as a **Class A Reportable Disease**.

- **Ohio Revised Code 3707.16 specifically states:**

No person isolated or quarantined for a communicable disease declared by the ... department of health to require isolation or quarantine shall attend any public, private, or parochial school or college, Sunday school, church, or any other public gathering, until released from isolation or quarantine by the board. All school principals, Sunday school superintendents, or other persons in charge of such schools or other gatherings shall exclude any such person until he presents a written permit of the board to attend.

- **Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-03 specifically states:**

*(C) Any individual having knowledge of a person suffering from a disease suspected of being communicable is authorized to **report to public health authorities** all known facts relating to the case or incident.*

- **Ohio Revised Code 3707.06 specifically states:**

*(A) ...In like manner, the owner or agent of the owner of a building in which a person resides who has any of the listed diseases, or in which are the remains of a person having died of any of the listed diseases, and the head of the family, immediately after becoming aware of the fact, **shall give notice thereof to the health commissioner**.*

(B) No person shall fail to comply with the reporting requirements of division (A) of this section.

- **Ohio Revised Code 3701.81 specifically states:**

(A) No person, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that he is suffering from a dangerous, contagious disease, shall knowingly fail to take reasonable measures to prevent exposing himself to other persons, except when seeking medical aid.

*(B) No person, having charge or care of a person whom he knows or has reasonable cause to believe is suffering from a dangerous, contagious disease, **shall recklessly fail to take reasonable measures to protect others from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion**.*

*(C) No person, having charge of a public conveyance or place of public accommodation, amusement, resort, or trade, and knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that persons using such conveyance or place have been or are being exposed to a dangerous, contagious disease, **shall negligently fail to take reasonable measures to protect the public from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion**.*

- **Ohio Revised Code 3701.99 specifically states:**

*(C) Whoever violates section 3701.352 or **3701.81** of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.*