To require, during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D issued on March 9, 2020, and for six months thereafter, prompt notification of an emergency medical services worker or funeral services worker who has treated, handled, or transported a patient who tested positive for COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medical services worker," "funeral services worker," and "peace officer" have the same meanings as in section 3701.248 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Presumptive positive case" means at least one specimen taken from a patient has tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.

(B) This section shall be in effect during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D issued on March 9, 2020, and for six months thereafter.
(C) Notwithstanding section 3701.248 of the Revised Code, a health care facility or coroner that becomes aware of a patient's presumptive positive case of COVID-19 shall promptly determine whether the patient was treated, handled, or transported for medical care by an emergency medical services worker or was handled by a funeral services worker in the thirty days prior to becoming aware of the presumptive positive case. If the patient was treated, handled, or transported by one or more emergency medical services workers or funeral services workers under those circumstances, the health care facility or coroner shall promptly provide verbal notification of the presumptive positive case to each emergency medical services worker or funeral services worker involved with the patient's treatment, handling, or transportation. The health care facility or coroner also shall notify the Director of Health in writing that the notification was made.

(D) On receipt of a report under section 3701.23 of the Revised Code that a case of COVID-19 has been confirmed, the Director of Health shall promptly determine whether the Director received a written notification under division (C) of this section in connection with that patient. If the Director did receive such a written notification, the Director shall provide verbal notification of the patient's confirmed case of COVID-19 to each emergency medical services worker or funeral services worker who received a verbal notification under division (C) of this section in connection with that patient.

(E) No person shall knowingly fail to comply with division (C) or (D) of this section.

(F) Any record of a verbal or written notification made under division (C) of this section or a verbal notification made
under division (D) of this section is not a public record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(G) The Director of Health shall determine that the release of COVID-19 test results under this section comes within the exception in division (B)(4) of section 3701.17 of the Revised Code and may be released without the written consent of the person to whom the results pertain.

(H) Whoever violates division (C) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that immediate action is crucial to protecting public health during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the act shall go into immediate effect.