

Hello,

I am a physician in Columbus, OH, and I strongly oppose this bill. It is critically important that the department of health be able to take appropriate actions to slow the spread of pandemics, such as the current coronavirus pandemic that has already killed more than 5700 Ohioans and is rapidly accelerating. The challenge with this virus is that we often do not know who has been exposed or is infectious for several days before they develop symptoms, allowing asymptomatic spread. Given this, the need to quarantine, isolate, and enforce distancing along with a mask requirement are critical for avoiding massive unnecessary and excess deaths and suffering in our communities. I urge you to reject SB311.

Thank you,

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