**On March 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health, under the direction of Governor Michael DeWine, issued a director’s stay at home order. This order included a list of essential and non-essential businesses. Local Department of Health can help answer questions from companies to determine if their manufacturing facility or any part of their process is deemed essential or non-essential and they are also charged with enforcing that along with local law enforcement. I am sure that Knox Public Health and local officials and economic & workforce development have been in communication concerning the designation of essential and non-essential businesses.

If you or employers in Knox County have questions regarding the designation of their business, please refer to Section 12 of the stay at home order, which is available here:**[**https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2020/03/22/file\_attachments/1407840/Stay%20Home%20Order.pdf**](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Fattachments%2FOHOOD%2F2020%2F03%2F22%2Ffile_attachments%2F1407840%2FStay%2520Home%2520Order.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Ckelly.carey%40jfs.ohio.gov%7Ce1ac1303163a47472a2d08d7cf5482c2%7C50f8fcc494d84f0784eb36ed57c7c8a2%7C0%7C1%7C637205834191129569&sdata=T9PCwJk1z4kxZWAi0mPp7wRhgJAIvluwidMbrugsIdM%3D&reserved=0) **Please feel free to share this and if there is a contact at Knox Public Health that we can provide to employers if they still have questions after reviewing the order.**