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**Statement on Governor’s Announcement Impacting  
Business Operations**

Ohio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Andrew E. Doehrel issued this statement in response to Gov. Mike DeWine’s decision announced today to order the closing of all businesses not deemed essential:

“Gov. Mike DeWine has once again demonstrated his unwavering commitment to saving lives during this horrible pandemic. True leaders make difficult decisions, and we know ordering Ohioans to stay home and closing some businesses was not done lightly. Today’s announcement was made out of necessity and only as a last resort, and we applaud the governor for allowing businesses that perform essential operations or provide essential services, and those in their supply chains, to continue to operate in an as-close-to-normal manner as is practical. This announcement will undoubtedly cause further disruption to our economy and impact many employers and their employees, but let’s be clear: Ohio is still open for business, and the governor is doing his best to strike the right balance between protecting Ohioans and keeping the economy moving.”

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