June 2, 2020

Dear Law Enforcement Officer,

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of millions of Ohioans keeping us safe during this unprecedented time. Your dedication and vigilance are important for the continued vibrance of this community.

Federally licensed opioid treatment programs are considered essential public services by the state and federal government. It is critical that patients of opioid treatment programs continue to get the medical treatment they need, which often means travelling to a clinic every day. Programs may open as early as 4:30AM so that everyone can obtain medical services before the workday begins. Please allow these patients and any associated staff timely access to the necessary roadways.

If you have any questions about this guidance letter, please contact the Chief of Addiction Treatment for the State of Ohio, Rick Massatti, at (614) 302-9513.

Thank you again for all that you do every day.

Sincerely,

Lori Criss
Director