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The Honorable Andy Beshear
Governor of Kentucky
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

It has come to my attention that there is concern regarding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mitigation guidance. I want to make it clear that CDC guidance should not be interpreted as regulation; rather, they are meant as recommendations. It should be used in consideration for specific state and/or local regulations, but this guidance is meant to be flexible and adaptable. It is not meant to be prescriptive or interpreted as standards that can be regulated.

CDC provides ongoing guidance to individuals, businesses, schools, and states. We have and will continue to be available for technical assistance and guidance, but we expect each jurisdiction to modify this guidance to meet their state's needs.

Sincerely,

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Director, CDC