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Mr. Lance Himes  
Interim Director  
Ohio Department of Health  
264 North High St.  
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Mr. Russ Kennedy  
Deputy Director, External Affairs  
Ohio Department of Health  
264 North High St.  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Interim Director Himes and Deputy Director Kennedy,

The Cleveland Department of Public Health, in conjunction with representatives from the Cleveland Department of Public Safety, the Cleveland Division of Fire, the Cleveland Division of Police, and other members of the Mayor's Cabinet, have reviewed the Cleveland Browns Responsible Restart Plan for FirstEnergy Stadium (the "Plan").

This comprehensive plan was developed in accordance with the guidelines of the National Football League, which in turn were designed to meet or exceed the standards provided by the Centers for Disease Control and other national health experts.

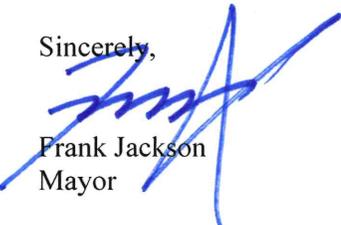
Based on a thorough review of the Plan, multiple meetings with representatives from the Cleveland Browns, and a walk-through of FirstEnergy Stadium to further vet the Plan, the City of Cleveland writes to confirm that this Plan conforms to all applicable local safety standards (including social distancing, PPE and robust cleaning and disinfecting protocols). Some specific clarifications to the Plan based on City of Cleveland feedback include:

1. Prohibition on tailgating (supporting City directive)
2. Cutoff on alcohol sales at end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (consistent with standard gameday practice)
3. Individual suite capacity limited to 10 occupants
4. Prosecutor gameday presence to enforce and address health and safety violations (Browns will facilitate)

Further, the City of Cleveland hereby confirms that FirstEnergy Stadium and the Cleveland Browns are approved to host the limited capacity of fans for Cleveland Browns events (including potential intra-squad practices on August 30 and/or September 4, and the Browns regular season home opener on September 17) as permitted by the Plan, subject to compliance with all Plan requirements. This approval is contingent on corresponding approvals of the Plan by the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Health, which the City of Cleveland respectfully requests with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding my support for the Cleveland Browns Responsible Restart Plan, please contact Valarie J McCall, Chief of Communications, Government, and International Affairs, via email at [vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Frank Jackson  
Mayor

cc: Avi Zaffini, Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor John Husted