



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Board of Health to modify and increase the following contract for continued COVID-19 contact tracing.

OSU College of Public Health - Ordinance 0125-2021 approved the modification of COVID-19 contact tracing services in an amount not to exceed \$238,696.00. Ordinance 0339-2021 approved the contract period extension through April 30, 2021. Ordinance 0965-2021 approved the contract period extension through June 30, 2021. This ordinance will increase the contract amount by an additional \$70,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$308,696.00.

Due to the immediate nature of the need for contact tracing services, CPH is requesting the waiver of the provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 from the Director of the Division of Finance and Management following procedures set forth under the Mayor's Executive Order 2020-01 "Declaration of State of Emergency".

Emergency action is requested due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the signed Mayor's Emergency Letter to begin these contracts immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract is budgeted within the Health Department Operating Fund, Fund No. 2250.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify and increase an existing contract with OSU College of Public Health for continued COVID-19 contact tracing services; to authorize the expenditure of \$70,000.00 from the Health Department Operating Fund for said contract; to waive the competitive bidding requirements of City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$70,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** a need exists for continued COVID-19 contact tracing, testing and vaccination services; and,

**WHEREAS,** expenditures from Health Department Operating Fund to provide continued contact tracing, testing and vaccination services is necessary to address increased needs caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Columbus Public Health Department to waive the competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Code; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to modify the contracts for contact tracing, testing and vaccination services for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to modify and increase the contract with OSU College of Public Health for contact tracing services for the COVID-19 pandemic response.

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$70,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Operating Fund, Fund No. 2250, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, according to the ordinance attachment.

**SECTION 3.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial reports.

**SECTION 5.** That this Council finds it in the City's best interests to waive the competitive bidding requirements of City Code for this contract.

**SECTION 6.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.