

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**STATE HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR TESTING FOR 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 AS A
DISEASE CONTROL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF 2019-nCoV/COVID-19
PURSUANT TO NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE § 23-01-05(12)**

SECTION A: SUBJECT PERSONS

ALL PERSONS RESIDING IN GRAND FORKS COUNTY LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

SECTION B: FINDINGS

1. The Director General of the World Health Organization has declared that the 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared that 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency.
2. On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of national emergency due to the growing 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 crisis in the United States.
3. On March 13, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum declared a state of emergency in response to the public health crisis resulting from 2019-nCoV/COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operation Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate response and recovery actions and future mitigation measures.
4. Both travel related cases and community contact transmission of 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 have been documented in North Dakota and are expected to continue.
5. Delay in imposing this Order would significantly jeopardize the ability of the Department of Health to prevent or limit the transmission of 2019-nCoV/COVID-19, a contagious disease, to others.
6. Increased transmission poses a substantial threat to the residents who are living in a congregate setting and have an increased risk of developing complication related to 2019-nCoV/COVID-19, public health, and the health care system.
7. A written order for testing for 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 is a disease control measure and is authorized pursuant to N.D.C.C. 23-01-05(12).
8. Written orders issued pursuant to N.D.C.C. 23-01-05(12) shall have the same effect as a physician's standing medical order.

SECTION C: REQUIREMENTS

1. Preliminary Chain Reaction (PCR) testing for 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 is authorized for all subject persons, as defined by SECTION A.

2. Grand Forks Public Health Department staff will conduct all testing for 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 authorized by this Order.
3. Testing for 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 as authorized by this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the declared emergency or until revoked.


SECTION D: STATE HEALTH OFFICER EXECUTION

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.



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