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TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

Pursuant to G.S. 130A-141.1, the State Health Director hereby issues a TEMPORARY ORDER requiring physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State and laboratories operating in this State to report suspected or confirmed novel coronavirus infections. This order is based upon a finding that reports of novel coronavirus infections are necessary for surveillance of a communicable disease that presents a danger to the public health. The report is required to be made immediately when novel coronavirus infection is reasonably suspected to exist. The physician shall make the report to the local health director of the county or district in which the patient resides. The local health director shall immediately report the infection to the Division of Public Health. The laboratory shall make the report directly to the Division of Public Health. This order is effective Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and expires in 90 days.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Cuervo Tilson".

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