



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Public Health
Commissioner's Office

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ORDER

The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health has determined that due to an outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), it constitutes or has the potential to constitute a public health emergency, that it requires public health follow up, and that the collection of data or other information on the disease can assist in determining the need for or effectively implementing public health programs to protect and promote the health of the people of West Virginia.

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of W.Va. Code §§ 16-3-1 *et seq.* and W.Va. Code R. § 64-7-3.1.a, the Reportable Disease Rule, which authorizes the Commissioner to add or delete a disease or condition in any category of the rule, the Commissioner does hereby ORDER as follows:

1. That subparagraph 3.3.b of 64 CSR 7 be amended to add as a Category I.A disease that is immediately reportable by health care providers and health care facilities the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. That this ORDER shall be effective immediately upon its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State; and
3. That the ORDER shall be made as an Appendix to W.Va. Code § 64-7-1 *et seq.* until such time as the Legislature amends the rule series pursuant to W.Va. Code §§ 29A-3-1 *et seq.*

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